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Two children hurt in blaze

TWO children, one a baby, were taken to Milton Keynes University Hospital after a house fire in Monkston Park yesterday.

The children's injuries were non-life threatening and a spokesman from South Central Ambulance Service said they were taken to hospital for precautionary reasons.

The fire broke out in a two-storey terraced house in Finsbury Chase at about 8.30am and is believed to have started when an electric toy helicopter was charging.

Four fire crews tackled the blaze after more than 40 people called 999. During the fire the roof partially collapsed.

Anita Crombet-Beolens, who lives in Monkston Park, said: "I came out of my house at about 8.20am or so and saw the fire and the firefighters were here shortly after half past.

"I was walking with my son to school and he wants to be a firefighter so he wanted to stop and watch."

Room for refugees

PHILIP MCELENEY AND JAMES AVERILL
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A RESIDENT has offered to open up his home to Syrian refugees – while the council is set to urgently discuss welcoming its 'fair share' to MK.

Peter O'Toole, 58, said he was so moved by pictures of a dead three-year-old boy on a Turkish beach that he will welcome any refugees into his home in Rudchesters, Bancroft.

He said: "I thought 'what if it was one of my grandchildren' – what could I do about it? We've got two spare rooms and that could house a small family or individuals."

Liberal Democrat leader Douglas McCall believes a number of residents want to offer their own homes to help in the crisis and is now tabling an urgent motion at a full council meeting on Wednesday, September 16.

Some residents had even added a 'refugees welcome' poster to a Welcome to Wolverton entrance sign.

After hearing that Prime Minister David Cameron would be welcoming 20,000 refugees to the UK over the next five years, Cllr McCall said: "The number would be small in Milton Keynes – 20 families a year is more realistic at this early stage.

"It's the principle of people wanting to help people who are fleeing the horrors of ISIS. Most people would move away from that."

The motion is being backed by Labour council leader Pete Marland.

But many people have raised concerns over how Milton Keynes could handle housing refugee families when there are already more than 140 homeless families in the city.

Zoe Biscoe, a committee member at Help our Homeless MK, said it would 'massively impact' on helping the city's homeless problems.

She added: "Obviously the refugees desperately need help, but we should not put them over homeless people."

However Cllr McCall believes the refugee crisis remains separate from the homelessness issues – as money from the foreign aid budget would be 'ringfenced'. He said this could include renting properties.

But Cllr Marland added: "We must be given extra help by the Government to be able to meet the needs of people both at home and escaping terrible situations abroad."

What you've said about the crisis

Send comments on stories to letters@mk-news.co.uk

Rebecca Wilson: "I am one of the 140 families in temporary accommodation. This is my 10th week in a Travelodge. We do need to help refugees but we shouldn't be adding to a problem that we already have."

Fauve Tappenden: "We need to help the few that do make it to our shores without dying in their pursuit."

Susan Hassett: "An admirable sentiment – but our homeless people are accommodated in Travelodges. Where would refugees go?"

Emma Wayatt: "The council has told me there are no properties so I'm having to rent privately. Maybe give our homeless homes first?"

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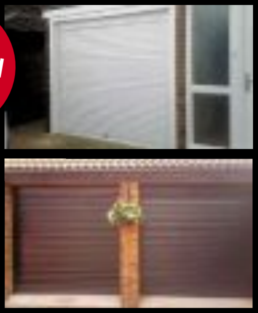

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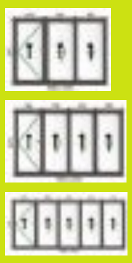

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New look Kingston revealed

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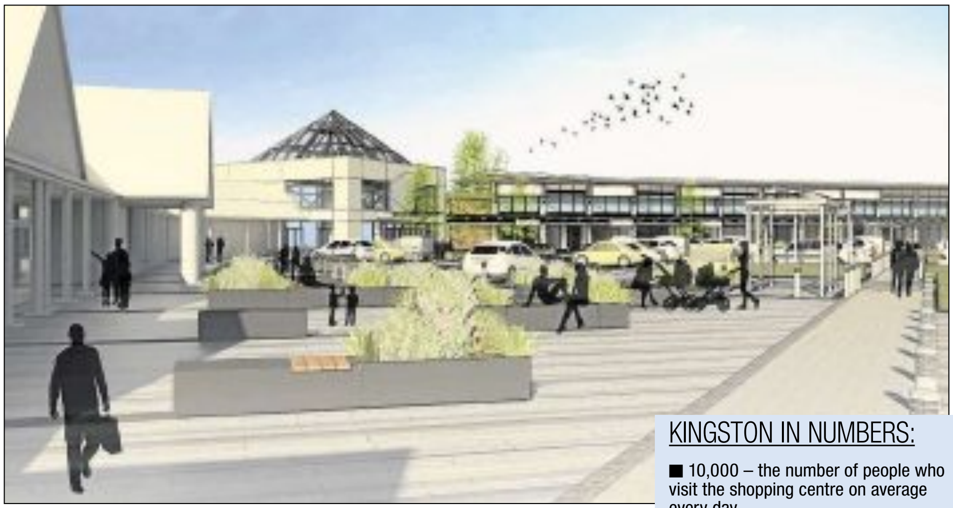

Looking to the future: How the 'pedestrian promenade' could look at the centre

PLANS to revamp the car park and demolish the covered walkway at the Kingston Centre have been submitted to Milton Keynes Council.

The shopping centre's owners British Land want to improve the circulation of vehicles around the car park, while improvements will also be made to the shop fronts and bus stop at the end of the walkway.

A new 'pedestrian promenade', decked car park for staff and children's play area have also been suggested in the plans.

The move comes just six months after British Land bought Tesco's stake in the centre and now it hopes the plans will improve the 'dated' appearance of the complex.

The centre, which was built in 1991, currently attracts about 10,000 people every day – but it is hoped the plans will 'increase its popularity'.

Among the improvements to the car park will be the introduction of one-way entrance and exits, a number of wider bays and, most importantly, new pedestrian walkways that will stop people having to walk through bays to reach the shops.

This would complement the new 'pedestrian promenade' outside the shops, which is shown in an artist's impressions of how the centre could look.

The bus stop will also be extended to feature glazed shelters and to allow two buses to stop there instead of one at any given time.

Current shop fronts will also receive a new glazed façade instead of the slated roof, which would match the new food units neighbouring the library.

Temporary weatherproofing to each unit will be provided while the new façades are reconstructed.

A British Land spokesman told MK NEWS: "The main thing about these plans is that we want to improve the car park layout for customers who are visiting the centre."

■ For more pictures of the plans, visit **www.onemk.co.uk**

KINGSTON IN NUMBERS:

- ■ 10,000 – the number of people who visit the shopping centre on average every day
- ■ 1,373 – the number of bays for cars in the current car park at the shopping centre
- ■ 155 – the current number of parking spaces for staff at the centre
- ■ 276 – the number of staff parking spaces it would be increased to thanks to a decked car park
- ■ 6 – the numbers of months since British Land bought Tesco's stake in the centre

Shoppers not impressed at walkway loss

KINGSTON shoppers seemed unimpressed that the covered walkway in the car park has been earmarked for demolition in plans revealed this week by MK NEWS.

British Land says its demolition 'will ensure that visibility around the site is greatly improved' and that it would allow for a more 'flexible reordering of the car park' to facilitate parking improvements.

But when MK NEWS braved the rain during a visit to the centre, shoppers indicated that they would prefer to have a roof over their heads as they walked from the car park to the main entrance.

Deborah Turley, from Milton Keynes Village, said: "It's great in the rain. I would rather it was kept – although I do think the parking could be improved, especially at weekends."

And Glynnis Ross, who travels in about twice a month from nearby Leighton Buzzard, said: "It looks nice and I think it would be sad if it went as not everybody comes in by car.

"It leads to the bus stop and for people, especially some older people, it's a bit of dry as you go from the shops to catch the bus."

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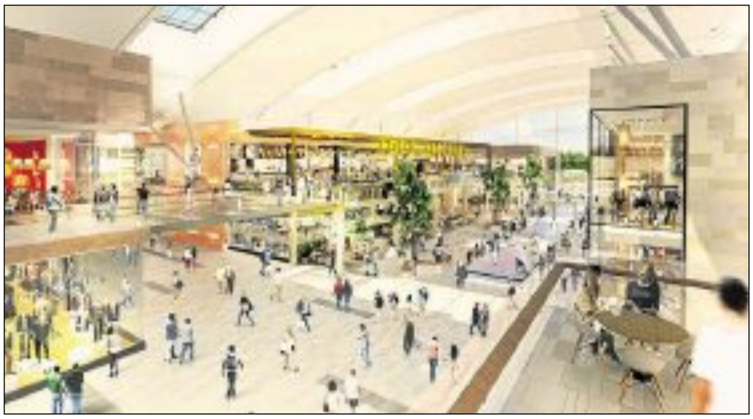

How it will look: An artist's impression of the proposed redevelopment of intu Milton Keynes

Plans will help arrest 'decline'

BY JAMES AVERILL

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A DECISION to grant outline planning permission to the proposed intu Milton Keynes redevelopment will hopefully arrest a decline in footfall – according to the shopping centre.

On Thursday evening, councillors on the development control committee at Milton Keynes Council voted in favour of the plans – which will include new dining areas, shops, a boutique cinema and green public spaces.

Representatives of the shopping centre told councillors there has been a 2.7 per cent footfall decline.

Shelley Peppard, general manager of intu Milton Keynes, told MK NEWS: "We're delighted, but the centre has fallen from being in the top five of regional shopping centres to 15th.

"For me MK should be in the top five – and it's because we haven't been getting the development we needed."

Andrew Geary, chairman of the committee, added: "Only 18 months ago we were in the top 10 for retail. We are sliding backwards and we really have to address that decline."

Kevin Duffy, centre director of neighbouring shopping centre the centre:mk, said: "We want Milton Keynes to continue to be one of the most vibrant and attractive city centres in the country. To ensure this remains the case both the centre:mk and intu will evolve so they can adapt to changing retail and leisure operator demands."

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Believers in localism: Backers of the plan protest outside intu last week

Decision 'unacceptable'

LOCALISM has been 'trampled under foot' after the intu planning application was granted – according to a key figure behind the CMK Business Neighbourhood Plan

CMK Town Council chairman Dr Rebecca Kurth was part of the team that spearheaded the plan – voted for by 90,000 people in a referendum in May – and believed the application contradicted it by building on public open space.

She told MK NEWS: "It's unacceptable the council has not given the proper priority to the neighbourhood plan in this case. It got 90,000 votes 125 days ago and that didn't count. This draws a horse and cart through local planning."

Campbell Park Parish Council was due to push ahead with its own plan, however, it will now wait for assurance that MK Council still backs local plans.

■ Turn to page 11 for more on a Neighbourhood Plan that will be voted on by residents.

What shops you want to see at new intu

READERS have been saying which shops they would like to see in a new intu Milton Keynes development.

People flocked to share their views on the our Facebook page.

Ainya Bartlett said: "More men's shops are needed for sure. I struggle to shop for my husband, so no wonder he hates shopping for himself!"

Most people posted they wanted to see brands such as Ted Baker, Selfridge & Co, Primark and Matalan.

But Wendy Watson said: "Some smaller retailers would be good and a fair rent to keep them there. I get so fed up seeing the same old chain stores."

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Dons' tickets too dear

IT HAS been reported in a national newspaper that Championship clubs will lose fans, especially away supporters, unless there is a rethink on how much they charge.

Eighteen of the 24 clubs in the division have priced their tickets at £35, which includes MK Dons. A number of clubs offer promotions and deals. However, the cheapest ticket available at Brighton, MK Dons and Reading is £25. The best available price is at Derby – £10 for a small number of matches per season.

Top teams in the division like Birmingham, Blackburn Rovers, Bolton Wanderers, Fulham, Sheffield Wednesday and so on charge less than £20 for home games.

MK Dons, having been promoted to the Championship for the first time, is charging too much for tickets (£25) and this should be reduced to £20 for home games to attract more supporters – the stadium has the capacity of more than 30,000 and at present it is only half full.

It is worth noting that MK Dons spent a relatively small amount buying new players and if they want promotion to the top division they will have to spend more.

Arun Vaidyanathan
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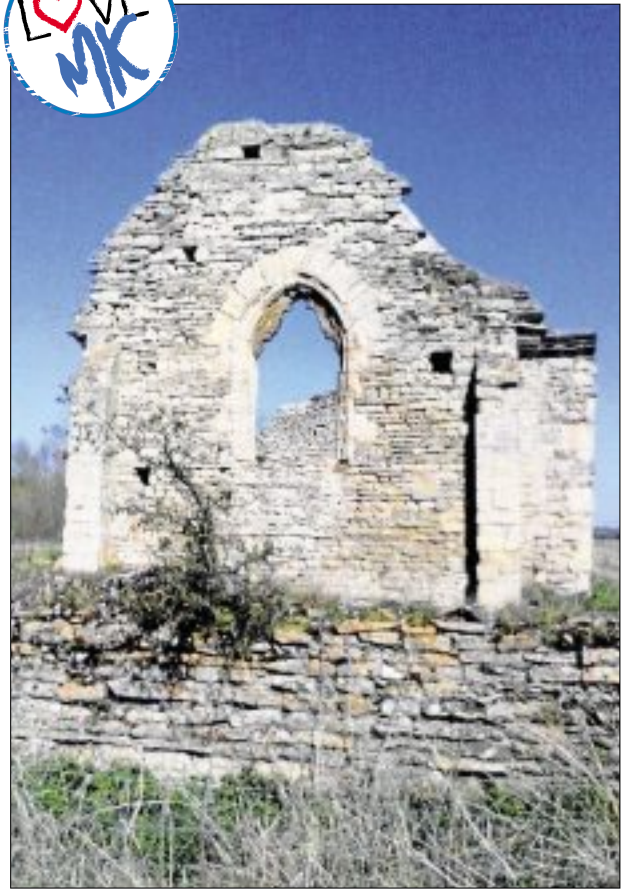

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Another cash cow

I READ the article 'Can MK cope with extra 98,000 people?' and the comments you attribute to Cllr John Bint, which seem to me more than a little incredible given the state of the infrastructure here in Milton Keynes.

I have no doubt this will become another 'cash cow' being milked by the development and contractors for reasons previously stated and published in your newspaper.

I'm interested to know what is going to attract the professionals that you will need to staff the new schools and health and social care units? Step outside the shopping centre and the areas surrounding it look like a third world country.

The majority of jobs are minimum wage, the bus services aren't reliable, the roads and bridges are in a terrible state and even now can't accommodate the vehicles using them. And how would you park 40,000 new vehicles, especially if these new developments are in remote areas.

Finally, I have a question for Cllr Bint. I remember when he and his colleagues decided that money could not be allocated to build extra classrooms for our children, so it was decided to use portable buildings. Yet, the council can spend £6million to refurbish the Civic Offices. And when the population finds out about it the decision is made and published in our newspaper.

R E Lee
Milton Keynes

Proposal got us talking

WELL done MK NEWS/OneMK on your balanced article on the intu Milton Keynes development – it was good to see a real and clear 'for' and 'against'.

These plans brought a good debate in our wonderful town and it seems the majority were in favour of the plans – and the usual crowd were trying to have their say.

If groups like Urban Eden were going to argue against the development they really needed to get a better argument and think about what they were saying.

I think attempts to belittle the plans have done more harm to these groups than good.

Either way, which ever way people voted, this got people talking.

Sam Trent
Sent via email

A serious test for plan

HAVING been to the protest gathering about intu's plans for 'improvements', here's my observation for our councillors on the planning committee.

I saw a copy of a government publication on Neighbourhood Plans, which names the CMK plan, that some 90,000 of us voted for in May, as an example of an exemplary Neighbourhood Plan.

Now intu's plans have been approved by the councillors, this laudable plan has fallen at its first serious test by directly disregarding two aspects of the plan – namely preventing a land-grab of public space and making a future transport link virtually impossible.

You could say the council would have allowed intu to have driven a coach and horses through the plan, that is if there was enough room left for a coach.

All other Neighbourhood Plans might as well be abandoned at once.

The effort I personally went to, with many others, to distribute leaflets about the CMK referendum has been a waste.

The rest of the country now has something else to mock Milton Keynes about beyond roundabouts and concrete cows.

George Harlock
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A ROBBER has been jailed for more than two years after committing three offences – two involving teenage girls.

Daniel Chard, 29, of Station Road, Castlethorpe, *pictured*, pleaded guilty to two counts of robbery and one of attempted robbery.

He threatened a 23-year-old man walking in Railway Walk near Stantonbury at about 3pm on May 11. The victim handed over his mobile phone and Chard fled.

On May 13 at about 3.15pm, a 16-year-old girl was waiting for a bus near the roundabout connecting Saxon Street and Marlborough Street when Chard demanded her mobile phone.

He then grabbed the girl, pulled her to the ground by her hair, stamped on her back and tried to grab her phone from her hand. She did not let go of her phone and Chard ran off.

The girl suffered bruising and soreness to her shoulder and back.

The third offence happened on the redway from the Saxon Street and Marlborough Street roundabout at about 3.20pm on the same day.

A 14-year-old girl was walking towards the bus stop when Chard demanded her mobile phone. He then grabbed the girl's bag and ran off. The bag was later recovered and the victim was uninjured.

Chard was arrested on May 27 and charged the following day. He was sentenced at Aylesbury Crown Court to a total of two years and two months' in jail.

Parking problem: Residents are frustrated at being blocked in by people abandoning vehicles

'Cars are blocking our access'

A COUNCILLOR in Wolverton has urged residents to contact police if they have issues with parked cars blocking access to the garages at their homes.

Cllr Adrian Moss, of Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council, is encouraging people to ring 101 with their complaints.

He said: "People from Church Street have spoken to me about problems with their parking.

"If you find your way is blocked by cars, report it to 101 and include the time, date, location and the vehicle's registration plate."

Amber Sexton, 33, of Buckingham Street, said: "There are cars that are parking there routinely and this means we can't get our car out from behind our home."

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Rickley Park revamp

PLANS to revamp Rickley Park in Bletchley may include a maze and a children's play area. More at **onemk.co.uk**

Wavendon Gate rape

EXTRA police patrols are taking place in Wavendon Gate after a woman was raped on August 28. She was walking on a redway between the junction of Passalewe Lane and Isaacson Drive between 6pm and 7pm.

Oldbrook robbery

A 15-YEAR-OLD boy was robbed on a redway at Illingworth Place, Oldbrook, at around 7pm on Friday. Call police on 101 if you have any information.

Jail for former policeman

A FORMER policeman, who lives in Milton Keynes and was jailed yesterday for child sex offences, is still protesting his innocence.

Steven Saxon, 57, committed the offences on a young girl in Leighton Buzzard over a two-year period when she was between 10 and 12 years old.

Luton Crown Court was told how, in 2012, the girl told her mother what had been going on and Saxon was later arrested. Saxon was appearing for sentence yesterday having been found guilty of seven offences of sexual assault on a girl under 13 following a trial in which he had denied all the offences.

The court was told Saxon, of Redding Grove, Crownhill, had spent 31 years with Bedfordshire Police.

He was jailed for four years and it was ordered his name go on the sex offenders' register.

Boy arrested after car damage

A 16-YEAR-OLD boy from Milton Keynes has been arrested on suspicion of criminal damage involving more than 20 cars in Oxley Park.

The arrest is in connection with an incident during which cars were scratched with a sharp implement overnight on Thursday, September 3.

The boy, who cannot be named, was arrested yesterday morning.

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Helping hand: Emergency crews treat the injured in Monday's accident

Two injured in car crash

TWO people were taken to hospital on Monday after a car crash on one of the area's busiest roads.

The two-vehicle collision on the A5 between Abbey Hill roundabout and the A509 Portway junction closed the southbound carriageway. Long queues also formed northbound as people slowed down to look at what had happened.

South Central Ambulance Service took two people to hospital. A spokesman said: "We sent out a rapid response vehicle, two ambulance crews, an ambulance officer and an air ambulance. There were two patients taken to Milton Keynes University Hospital – one with a possible neck injury and one with a possible back injury, but both were non-life threatening."

Member of sex ring sent to jail

BY JAMES AVERILL

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A SEXUAL predator has been jailed for thirteen-and-a-half years for his involvement in a child sex ring.

Asif Hussain, 33, of Rossal Place, Hodge Lea, was sentenced at the Old Bailey on Monday after being found guilty of three counts of rape at the same court in July.

He was a member of the ring in Aylesbury where two teenage victims were sexually exploited on a 'massive scale' – one of them was abused by up to 60 men by the age of 16. The pair, who were conditioned to believe the behaviour was normal, were repeatedly raped and sexually abused on 'an almost daily basis' from the age of 12 or 13.

Guilty: Asif Hussain

The court heard how Hussain met one of the victims at Aylesbury market. The girl would then travel to his shared house wearing her school uniform and the pair would regularly have sex.

In a statement following the trial, one of the victims said: "The relief that they have been found guilty, you feel it's such a weight off your shoulders. You know you can get on with your life now."

Hussain was one of six men involved in the ring who were sentenced to a combined jail time of more than 82 years.

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Sri Lankan centre

CAMPBELL Park Parish Council is making enquiries over the Sri Lankan Community Centre in Fishermead after children were seen playing on the building site.

Redway robbery

A 38-YEAR-OLD man had his walking stick taken on a redway near Coffee Hall. See more at **www.onemk.co.uk**

Parking sensors

MORE Smart Parking sensors are being put in South Second Street car park. The sensors allow drivers to find empty spaces using the SmartApp.

Knifeman attacks shop owner

THE owner of Premier Store in Furzton was cut on his neck in a violent robbery.

Two men with knives entered the shop in Blackmoor Gate at about 7.50pm last Tuesday.

The first attacker grabbed the owner of the store, threatened him with a knife and demanded money.

The second man waved a knife towards the shop assistant behind the counter

The offenders were given cash and then ran off.

The first offender was wearing black clothes and trainers with a royal blue hooded top with an Adidas logo on it.

The second offender was wearing grey tracksuit shorts that came just below the knee, blue trainers and a bomber jacket with a royal blue hood. Call police on 101 with details.

Praise for innovative city

THE president of the Royal Town Planning Institute has praised Milton Keynes for continuing to lead the way in innovation – as the city prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2017.

After visiting the area last week, Janet Askew said: "I am impressed with the ability of Milton Keynes to reinvent itself as a place of innovation."

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Need for change: Cllr Mohammed Khan says Serpentine Court in Bletchley is not up to standard

Estate residents to vote on plan

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RESIDENTS of an estate will have an opportunity to vote in a referendum on a neighbourhood plan that would shape where they live.

Those living on the Lakes Estate in Bletchley will be asked on Thursday, September 17, if they want Milton Keynes Council to use the plan in deciding planning applications in the area.

Jan Lloyd, the chairman of the task and finish group, which liaised with the councils and residents' associations, added: "This is the first time that we have had the opportunity to devise a plan which reflects the views, desires and aspirations of the people who live on the estate."

The plan outlines areas where future housing, retail units and recreational facilities could be located.

It also includes the improvement of existing community facilities and enhancing green open spaces with better playgrounds and equipment.

There are also plans to knock down Serpentine Court and replace it with new housing.

Residential development would also be supported on land south to Water Hall School and next to the Grand Union Canal.

The demolition of Serpentine Court is one element that particularly pleases Bletchley ward councillor Mohammed Khan. He told MK NEWS: "I have grown up in this area and we have needed change – Serpentine Court is not up to standard. There is no political message behind this, there is cross party support for this plan and we want everybody to support it and help make a difference to the Lakes Estate."

Only residents who are registered to vote at an address on the Lakes Estate area will be entitled to vote in the referendum.

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Reward offered for pet's return

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Grabbed from a taxi: Charlie the parrot, who is still missing

A FAMILY has suffered 'off-the-scale stress' after the 'well-known' pet parrot they have had for 22 years was stolen.

Owen Harrison from Wolverton has been the owner of Charlie – a Soloman Island Eclectus parrot who is known for frequenting the town's pubs with him – since the bird was four months old.

Owen, 40, told MK NEWS: "He comes out with me all the time. He's very well known in Milton Keynes and he comes along to the pubs such as The Craufurd Arms and The Galleon with me.

"He's just got used to being out and about. He's 22 years old and he's not the best flyer, he's a bit lazy."

Charlie was grabbed from a taxi in Islington, London, where Owen was visiting a friend, at 7pm on Saturday, August 31. Since then, his parrot girlfriend Ruby has abandoned her fertile eggs.

The Harrison family haven't abandoned hope and have set up a social media campaign to find Charlie – and are even offering a £500 reward.

Owen said: "We're hoping someone has picked him up and is looking after him. His girlfriend Ruby is calling for him for hours and she's abandoned her fertile eggs.

"The stress is off-the-scale and my mum is on the verge of cancelling her holiday."

The Metropolitan Police has confirmed that a 33-year-old woman has been arrested in connection with the incident and has been bailed to return to a north London police station in the middle of September.

They also confirmed that Charlie is still missing.

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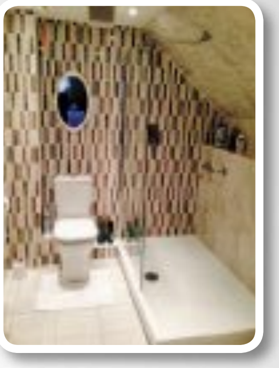

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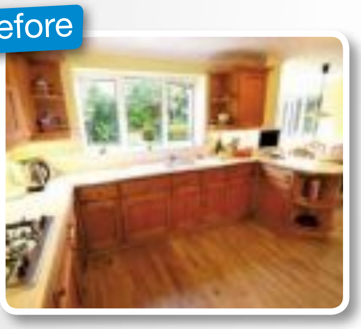

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Pioneer recalls history of city

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Sharing knowledge: Bill Berrett, *left*, and, *right*, in the 1960s

AN ARCHITECT who drew up the first plans for Milton Keynes is coming back to talk about the city's history.

Eighty-two-year-old Bill Berrett will be the first speaker in a series of talks called MK Pioneers, from people who shaped the area that we know now.

Mr Berrett had just become an architect for Bucks County Council in the early 1960s when he was approached to work on a confidential project for a new town in north Buckinghamshire.

Working with county architect Fred Pooley, Mr Berrett personally drew up the initial plans, which included a proposed monorail system.

He said: "When in 1962 I was called into Fred Pooley's office and asked if I wanted to help build a city for 250,000 people my jaw dropped.

"I think it is really important that the vision, commitment and individuals behind Milton Keynes, like artist Edna Read, are never forgotten. When I left the area one of my frustrations was with the image of MK. Sydney is known for the Opera House and when you think of Paris you think of the Eiffel Tower, but for MK people thought of roundabouts which was not the main characteristic we wanted to be portrayed.

"I want to share my knowledge for the future."

The free talks have been organised by Milton Keynes Forum in association with MK Gallery ahead of the city's 50th anniversary.

Tim Skelton, from MK Forum, said: "The aim of the talks is to look back as well as looking forward to the future.

"Milton Keynes is unique and I think it is important that people understand why things are as they are.

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Dad goes 'dry' and fills charity 'bottle'

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Delighted: Dad Mark McCarthy, who has already raised nearly £7,000, with his son Harvey-James who survived meningitis

A FATHER-OF-FOUR is on the verge of completing a whole year without alcohol to raise money for Meningitis Now.

Mark McCarthy, 41, has so far raised nearly £7,000 for the charity, which supported his 12-year-old son Harvey-James when he was diagnosed with meningitis in 2004.

At just nine months old, Harvey-James was treated at St Mary's Hospital in Paddington and lost all of his toes and several fingers.

He has recovered well from the illness and Mark, from Tattenhoe, has shown his gratitude for the charity's support to his family by fund-raising on its behalf.

Speaking about his 'Dry 2015', he said: "I woke up with a hangover on New Year's Day and made the decision. Once I posted it on Facebook and had my first sponsor come in, there was no going back!

"This is probably the hardest thing I have ever had to do. It was difficult when I bought a beer for my son Jordan's 18th and I had to order an orange juice.

"I have got a bottle of champagne in the fridge, which we are going to have as soon as it turns midnight on New Year's Eve. As soon as the clock hits midnight – I'm free!"

Mark has previously run the London Marathon and organised an auction night at Wilton Hall on behalf of the charity but has admitted his latest challenge is his most testing.

He added: "It is easy for me to do stuff for the charity as I have seen what it has done for us first hand. Apart from the medical research it does, it also gives support to the family. I aimed to raise £5,000 but we had reached that by August – I'm absolutely delighted."

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AFTER being swamped with entries for our Summer Fun photo competition, the judges at MK NEWS have now picked the three winners.

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The three winners, in no particular order, are Jodie Brighten, *top right*, Lynn Doe, *top*, and Charlotte Pallett, *right*.

Andy Handley, picture editor at MK NEWS, said: "It was such a hard task choosing between so many great quality pictures, it looks like MK folks had a terrific summer."

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Olympic star in tough TV show

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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WORLD champion, Olympic silver medallist and Milton Keynes mum Gail Emms has announced she is taking part in ITV's Tough Mums challenge.

The badminton star is one of a number of celebrities aiming to complete a five kilometre obstacle course – designed by Tough Mudder – on September 23.

The event, run by Good Morning Britain, looks to find 'tough' mums and put them through a series of gruelling physical challenges, all in the name of charity.

Gail, who has two sons – Harry, five, and Oliver, two – said: "All mums are tough! Being a mum to two boys is harder at times than training for the Olympics.

"It is relentless, non-stop, knackering and you are a cook, cleaner and taxi driver, as well as many more things, all rolled into one and it is 24/7."

The obstacle course has eight stages which will see contestants submerged in ice-cold water, leap off a ledge to catch a swing rope and battle against a safe teargas-like substance, as well as various other challenges.

But Gail is not worried. She said: "I have done a few challenges in the past as I believe you should get out of your comfort zone – I did the London Marathon in 2009, Kilimanjaro in 2010 and various other things – but I've not done a Tough Mudder event so I'm looking forward to it."

The Olympic silver medallist also thinks being a mum has helped her keep up her fitness.

She told MK NEWS: "I also want to be able to keep up with my boys!

"I don't want to be one of those mums that use clubs and activities as a babysitting service.

"I want to be involved and I want them to be proud of me for keeping up with them.

"I'm tough because I want to be and I choose to be."

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Challenging climb for crash survivor

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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A 26-YEAR-OLD man who is still recovering from a motorbike accident has climbed to the top of a mountain – with his leg in a cage.

Craig Course, from Loughton, wanted to raise money for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance (TVAA) after it saved his life and his leg three years ago.

Craig was riding his motorcycle when he collided with a car while trying to cross the H6 Childs Way, near Oldbrook, on February 8, 2012.

He was in hospital for months after his lower right leg was crushed between his bike and the car.

Even though Craig is still receiving treatment for his leg, which became infected and may have to be amputated, he climbed 1,085 metres up Snowdon – the highest mountain in Wales – to raise cash for the TVAA.

He said: “There is no doubt in my mind that the TVAA crew saved my life.

“I have collectively spent more than 30 hours in theatre having surgical procedures performed on my leg, including skin, muscle and bone grafts.”

Craig is still battling emotionally with the metal cage on his fractured leg, which is called a mechano set ilazerov frame.

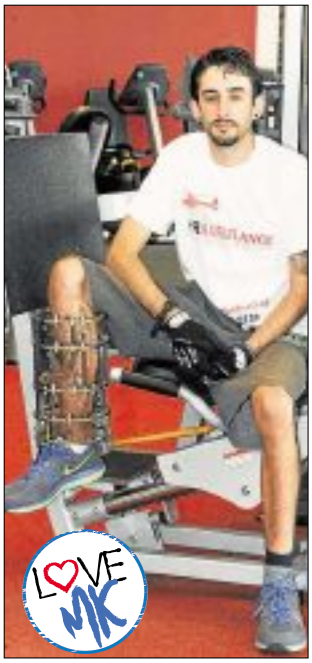
“It is like scaffolding around a house, but for my leg, and I have been wearing it for eight-and-a-half months,” added Craig.

“The first four months wearing it was the hardest four months of my life – I could not walk down the street without people staring at me.

“I have tried to flip it into a positive and make it a walking billboard for TVAA.”

Craig has raised more than £1,120 so far and hopes to continue to do events for TVAA and even volunteer.

To support Craig donate at www.justgiving.com/Craig-Course/



Climbed Snowdon: Craig Course’s leg is in a cage after a motorcycle crash

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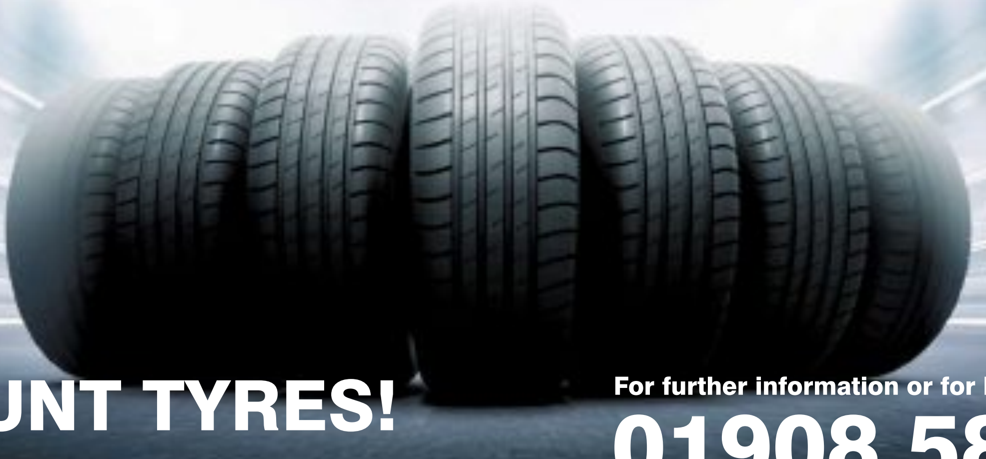

The search starts to find top firms

BY JACK ASH

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ACTRESS Debra Stephenson will host the Milton Keynes Business Achievement Awards (MKBAA) in March.

The announcement came at the launch event on Thursday when sponsors and previous winners were welcomed to the start of the official countdown.

Debra, who will host the awards designed to recognise business achievements in the city, is best known for starring in Coronation Street as well as The Impressions Show, when she imitated Davina McCall and Claudia Winkleman.

There will be 14 categories in this year's awards, including Business of the Year and the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Event organiser Dr Phillip Smith is looking forward to welcoming the best of Milton Keynes commerce to the presentation evening on March 10.

He said: "It is about celebrating the business growth in Milton Keynes and is a time to reflect on what has been achieved.

"We really want to get to those smaller businesses in the area and see them compete against the larger ones in each category."

BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2016

Clock ticking: Dr Philip Smith speaking at the launch of MKBAA, which will be hosted by TV's Debra Stephenson, *inset*, next year

Head judge and the person tasked with finding each of the category winners is Sir John Southby, who hopes this year is as good as the last.

He said: "It is all about the business community as a whole and I'm always staggered by the quality and diversity of the entrants."

George Lah-Anyane is senior designer at creative design company White Leopard, which won last year's Design and Creativity Award.

He said: "We entered to find out what was happening in the community and to speak to people – a lot of business has come from it and people have commented on us winning over a dozen times.

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In action: The Foo Fighters' Dave Grohl sat in a throne due to his broken leg, *above*, Iggy Pop, *left*, and Royal Blood, *right*

BY JACK ASH

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ABOUT 120,000 Foo Fighters fans descended on The National Bowl over the weekend for the rock band's first UK shows since lead singer Dave Grohl broke his leg in June.

The band were supported by Royal Blood and Iggy Pop on Saturday and Sunday. They were also joined on stage by Queen drummer Roger Taylor and Led Zeppelin bassist John Paul-Jones for a rendition of the Queen song Under Pressure.

The Saturday night show was marred with traffic problems, which saw organisers Gaming International Ltd call upon MK Highways ahead of the Sunday show.

Bill Glass, from Gaming International, said: "The original safety plan has evolved over the years but roadworks and accidents on the day certainly didn't help things.

"On Sunday we guided the traffic into the Bowl from a different direction and there was also slightly less traffic."

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Boxing bouts will help to KO cancer

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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FUNDRAISERS are trying to knock out cancer by taking part in an epic boxing bout.

A group of more than 40 people have so far signed up for the Ultra White Boxing (UWB) challenge.

They will soon start eight weeks of intensive training at Total Dojo gym in Bletchley to learn how to box before taking part in head to head matches at Stantonbury Leisure Centre on November 21.

Tom Longley, organiser of the MK event, said: "The training is free but intense and it has proved very popular in MK.

"The trainers are superb and some people do it again to help KO cancer."

So far UWB, which holds events around the UK to collect money for Cancer Research, has raised more than £1.8million and hopes to meet the £2million mark by the end of 2015.

Corina Cleaver is one resident from Monkston who is taking part.

Kicking cancer: Instructors from Total Dojo, *from left*, Stuart Harris, Kelly Haynes and Tony Davis are training MK hopefuls

She said: "These people are amazing and have raised so much money for Cancer Research.

"I wanted to do something completely different. I have never stepped foot in a boxing ring, especially as I am usually dressed as a princess for my work at MK Mascots."

Jon Leonard, owner of UWB, set up the event company after his life was changed forever at a Race for Life warm-up.

He said: "One of the organisers told people to get into threes and hug the person on their right and left. They then said one of you will get cancer. This statistic has stuck with me."

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Priscilla will be granting wishes

BY JACK ASH
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STAR of Naked Gun Priscilla Presley is looking forward to playing the Genie of the Lamp in this year's pantomime Aladdin at Milton Keynes Theatre.

Speaking in an exclusive interview with MK NEWS from LA, the 70-year-old actress, *pictured*, said she cannot wait to perform again in the UK.

She said: "I've never been to Milton Keynes and I'm looking forward to it.

"Playing the Genie of the Lamp is a different role for me – I loved playing the Evil Queen in Snow White in Manchester last year but I can't wait to be granting wishes this year.

"I've never seen the Aladdin film but I will probably see it before I come over. I know my grandchildren love it and I can't wait for them to see me in the show.

"We don't have pantomime in the US but there is a 300-year history of it in the UK. I love the tradition, children grow up with it and parents get involved as well – I love the theatre and audience participation."

The festive season is a very special time for Priscilla, who was proposed to by Elvis Presley shortly before Christmas in 1966 and got married to the king of rock 'n' roll at the now defunct Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas in 1967.

"I'm set to come over to England in the middle of November – I love Christmas in England, the stores go all out with their decorations, they really embrace it," said the former Dallas star.

"Once we get going with the pantomime though we will be performing twice daily.

"The adrenaline and nervousness get quite intense on the opening night but I love it."

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Vinyl records make comeback at Tesco

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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Not concerned: David O'Shea is the owner of Bulldog Music, which sells vinyl in Bletchley

TWO supermarkets in the city started to trial the sale of vinyl records this week.

Tesco is trialling rock legends Iron Maiden's new album The Book of Souls in 55 of its largest Tesco Extra stores across the UK, including those in Kingston and Bletchley.

If the trial sales go well, then the supermarket giant could put more records on sale before the end of the year.

But David O'Shea, owner of record store Bulldog Music in Bletchley, is not concerned for his business. "The more the merrier I think at the moment," he said.

"If the person is a record collector of sorts then they are unlikely to go to Tesco in my opinion. In terms of CDs, the casual buyer will buy it off the shelf but I don't think the case is the same with vinyl."

The launch of vinyl sales in supermarkets is a sign of how popular records have become in the UK since their decline in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

UK sales plummeted to around 205,000 vinyl albums in 2007, but there has been growth every year since, culminating in sales of almost 1.3million records in 2014 – the highest figure since 1995.

Michael Mulligan, Tesco's music buyer, said: "In the last year we have begun selling record decks in our largest stores and initial sales are very encouraging so giving our customers some new vinyl to play on those decks seems like the logical next step.

"If this trial is a success then we would consider selling more vinyl albums before the end of the year."

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Charity helps fund a ‘lifeline’ for families

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Vital role: Hollie Carter with family liaison officer Elizabeth Davenport

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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FOLLOWING the success of the Hope for Hollie Charity Ball featuring X Factor winner Sam Bailey, MK NEWS’ charity of the year has been able to fund a family liaison officer.

The Hope for Hollie Foundation, inspired by Hollie Carter who was diagnosed with Niemann Pick Type C (NPC) aged just two, has raised enough money in the first half of this year to help pay for this vital role.

As MK NEWS has previously reported, despite NPC being a rare inherited metabolic condition affecting only 100 in the UK, four children in Milton Keynes have been diagnosed.

Family liaison officer Elizabeth Davenport helps these families cope with the additional struggles they face on a daily basis.

Working for the national charity Niemann Pick UK, she helps the families with their funding entitlement, emotional support and bereavement counselling.

She also liaises with school and helps families make sure they have the right adaptations around the home and access to the correct equipment.

Hollie’s mum and founder of Hope for Hollie, Helen Carter, said: “Elizabeth is a lifeline to many families.

“She reduces the feeling of isolation and despair and is always there when there is a crisis point.”

Hope for Hollie is part funding this role, which costs more than £12,000 a year, with Niemann Pick UK.

Helen added: “Elizabeth also signposts families to us when she thinks that they could be eligible for a grant from us for such things as specialist equipment.”

Elizabeth said: “Hope for Hollie is a wonderful foundation and helps so many people.

“I am very happy to be connected with it. I have been providing support for all the families in MK and will continue to do so.”

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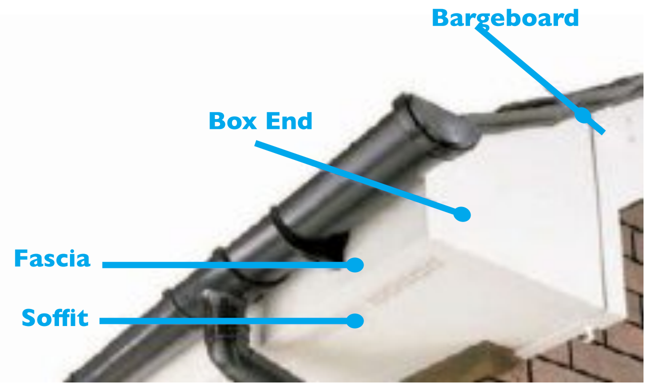

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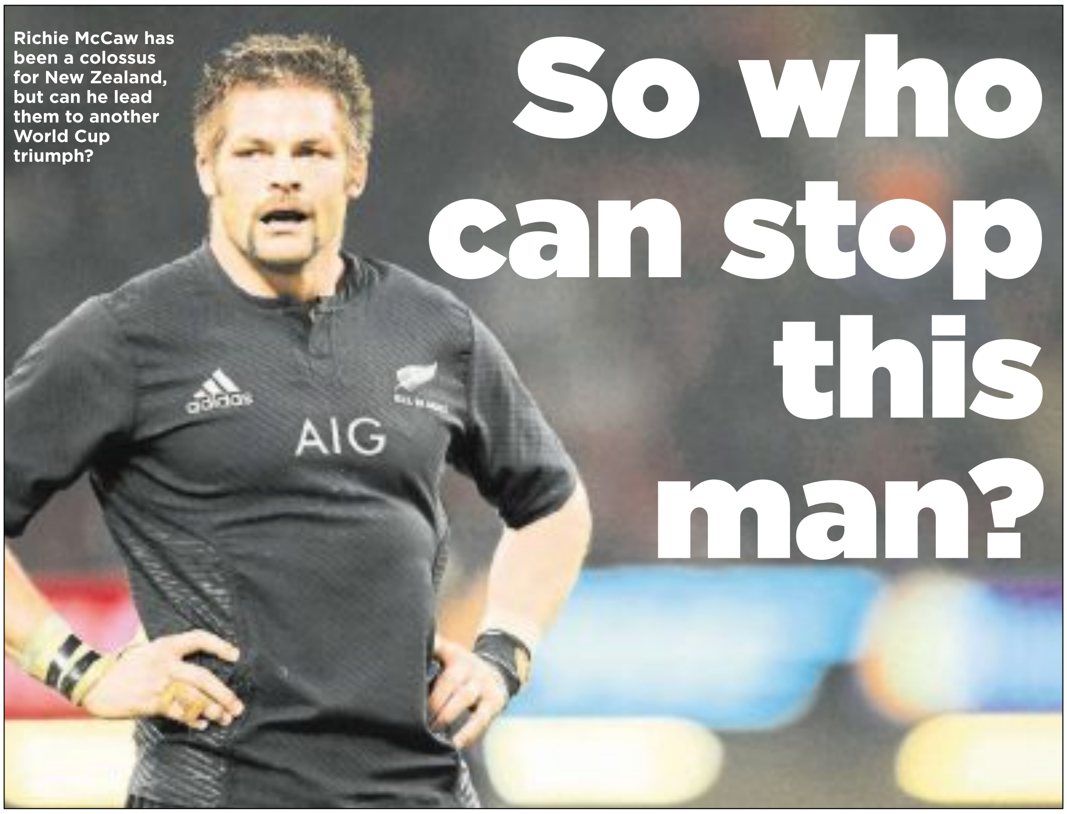

Richie McCaw has been a colossus for New Zealand, but can he lead them to another World Cup triumph?

by Frank Malley

AT 8pm on Friday, September 18 at Twickenham, following a ceremony expected to celebrate the day William Webb Ellis picked up a football and ran with it at Rugby School in 1823, England will line up against Fiji and the eighth Rugby World Cup will witness its opening act.

The six weeks which follow might not produce an epic sub-plot to rival that of Nelson Mandela, Springbok captain Francois Pienaar and the birth of the Rainbow Nation 20 years ago, but they will provide a welcome alternative to the great god of Premier League football as well as answering some of rugby's most intriguing questions.

Can the northern hemisphere, in its own backyard, add to its solitary World Cup triumph, when England prevailed in Sydney 12 years ago?

Can Ireland use their back-to-back Six Nations triumphs to provide inspirational forward Paul O'Connell, in almost certainly his last tournament, with a farewell fit for one of the greats?

Will Scotland, who seem at last to have remembered how to score tries under head coach Vern Cotter, be one of the tournament's dangerous floaters?

Which France will turn up, the one which lost embarrassingly to Tonga in the group phase four years ago or the one which lost undeservedly by a single point to New Zealand in the final?

Most of all, can anyone depose reigning champions New Zealand, whose legendary black shirts with the silver fern have become a barometer of excellence sweeping all before them these past four years? But the first question has to be: Who will emerge from the so-called group of death?

All major tournaments benefit when competition is keen from the opening gun. Pool A supplies just that, pitching England, Australia and Wales against each other, with the dangerous Fiji also in the mix while Uruguay provide the only 'soft touch'.

One of the big guns is bound to depart at the pool stage.

The chances are that the 'Twickenham factor' will ensure it is not England. True, Stuart Lancaster's men have displayed a worrying lack of discipline in their warm-up matches. At times they haemorrhage penalties while the set-piece at scrums and line-outs, the bedrock of their success, has proved to be fragile of late.

But, just as in 1966 when Alf Ramsey's team lifted the football World Cup at Wembley, they have home advantage. All England's big games are at Twickenham, where a packed house will belt out Jerusalem and Swing Low Sweet Chariot, and the added value from such stirring emotion should not be under-estimated.

England also have a prolific kicker in fly-half George Ford, a brilliant running full-back in Mike Brown and speedy three-quarters such as Anthony Watson with sublime finishing skills. The onus is on the pack to iron out recent problems and supply enough possession.

It is difficult not to see Australia also progressing. They have flourished under coach Michael Cheika, and look a much more coherent squad since their series defeat by the Lions in 2013.

A recent triumph against New Zealand in Sydney underlined their progress, especially up front, where they are bigger and beefier with the presence of players such as Scott Sio and Sekope Kepu, while Tongan-born former rugby league player Israel Folau provides the back-line stardust.

All of which is not good news for Wales. The Welsh are not easy to evaluate. They will certainly not lack fitness after heat training in Doha and copious jogs up the inclines of the Swiss Alps, but will sorely miss the devastating kicking of Leigh Halfpenny and silky skills of scrum-half Rhys Webb, who pulled out through injury.

Fly-half Dan Biggar will have to control the ebb and flow of a match better than he has done to date. And George North must produce the consistent brilliance he displayed as a British and Irish Lion in Australia in 2013. Too often for Wales, North has been on the periphery, rather than at the core of the action.

But then World Cups have always demanded big players stand tall on the grandest stage.

It is why Ireland will be looking to fly-half Jonathan Sexton, arguably the game's most complete playmaker now that New Zealand No.10 Dan Carter has shown signs of slipping ever so gradually over the hill.

It is why France, with a pack more solid than at any time under Philippe Saint-Andre will hope veteran Frederic Michalak can display one more sustained cameo of brilliance to augment the finishing talents of Yoann Huget and the physical presence of Mathieu Bastareaud.

Yet, following the completion of 48 matches in 13 venues across England and Wales, when it comes to who will lift the World Cup at Twickenham on October 31 it is difficult to see it in the hands of anyone other than New Zealand's Richie McCaw, the most capped Test rugby player of all-time.

McCaw, the man who played the last World Cup final with a broken foot, is the epitome of the cerebral rugby player. It is the marrying of the mental and the physical which makes McCaw arguably the best of all time.

Few would argue that if New Zealand won a third World Cup it would be a fitting finale.

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World Cup records

142-0
The biggest win in Rugby World Cup history, when Australia beat Namibia in Adelaide in 2003.

37
Most games won in the competition, by New Zealand. Japan are the team beaten most often, with 21 defeats.

15
The record number of World Cup tries scored, by Jonah Lomu in 1995 and 1999.

52
The most tries scored in a single tournament, by New Zealand in 2003.

277
Jonny Wilkinson's record number of World Cup points.

6
The record number of tries scored by one player in a single World Cup match, amassed by Marc Ellis in New Zealand's 145-17 win over Japan in 1995.

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Pool A

England's promising backline includes, from left, Anthony Watson, Owen Farrell and Jonny May

We've got enough talent to win it, says Robshaw

by Duncan Bech

CHRIS ROBSHAW is convinced England have assembled a squad capable of emulating their famed forebears of 2003 by lifting the World Cup.

The hosts enter the most challenging pool in the tournament's history with less experience than they would have hoped for, particularly in a backline packed that is full of promise but short on proven international winners.

A fearsome pack, however, gives England hope of progressing from a group that includes Australia, Wales and Fiji with a first-place finish offering a kinder route to the final.

Among the Red Rose stars are big-hitting lock Courtney Lawes, gifted playmaker George Ford and powerful rugby league convert Sam Burgess. Robshaw is flooded with belief when he surveys his team-mates.

"I believe this is a squad that can win the World Cup. There are enough guys who have played in big games in various competitions who have dealt with pressure," said the England captain.

"There is also a lot of youth in there which brings excitement. The balance is very good. I look around and I'm confident in the players we have.

"I'm very pleased looking at that squad with the guys you're going to go into battle withover for what will hopefully be a long period of time."

As the figurehead of England's challenge for New Zealand's crown as world champions, Robshaw will be under scrutiny more than most.

The 29-year-old openside has been an ever-present under Stuart Lancaster, leading the Red Rose in all but four of the Tests since the Cumbrian was appointed head coach in 2012, and has survived a few shaky moments to develop into an assured captain and leader of men.

Knowing what lies ahead during the biggest six weeks of his career, Robshaw has been consulting others who occupy the spotlight in the hope of gleaning an insight into the temperament needed to prosper.

"I try and speak to as many people as possible in the rugby forum and also outside of rugby, so sport in general, business, fashion, music," Robshaw said. "It is useful to speak to anyone who undergoes that pressure situation, taking bits of information from them.

"We have spoken to people like (former England cricket coach) Andy Flower and (England football coach) Roy Hodgson, who have been in big tournaments.

"You pick up little things from guys like that who go into similar types of situations. It's about having that dedication and commitment to each other when you know there are going to be tough times ahead. You need to make sure that you are there for each other.

"Being England captain is an extremely honoured position and you are always looking to improve."

Robshaw, who was a high-profile omission from the 2011 squad, has also learned a lesson from Martin Johnson's class of 2003 on the importance of winning ugly.

"It's about learning how to win. I think everyone asks how do you want to play and how do you want to perform, but it's about winning at the end of the day," said Robshaw.

"I have spoken to a number of the guys who won the World Cup for England and they said that they had times where they flew past people and times when they just about clawed their way through a game.

"They could easily have lost those games. However, no-one really remembers those games unless you are a rugby fanatic.

"It is about finding ways to win and doing what needs to be done in every situation."

England squad

Props: K Brookes (Northampton), D Cole (Leicester), J Marler (Harlequins), M Vunipola (Saracens), D Wilson (Bath).

Hookers: J George (Saracens), R Webber (Bath), T Youngs (Leicester).

Second rows: G Kruis (Saracens), J Launchbury (Wasps), C Lawes (Northampton), G Parling (Exeter).

Back rows: J Haskell (Wasps), B Morgan (Gloucester), C Robshaw (Harlequins, capt), B Vunipola (Saracens), T Wood (Northampton).

Scrum halves: D Care (Harlequins), R Wigglesworth (Saracens), B Youngs (Leicester Tigers).

Fly halves: O Farrell (Saracens), G Ford (Bath).

Centres: B Barritt (Saracens), S Burgess (Bath), J Joseph (Bath), H Slade (Exeter).

Back three: M Brown (Harlequins), A Goode (Saracens), J May (Gloucester) , J Nowell (Exeter), A Watson (Bath Rugby).

Chris Robshaw, left, has turned to some of England's leading sports coaches to help his side prepare for the battles ahead

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Jonah and the Wales

George North scores his first Test try for the Lions in Australia

North compared to New Zealand great Lomu

GEORGE NORTH has lived his entire professional rugby career with two words ringing in his ears: Jonah Lomu.

Wherever he has turned, someone has been there to compare him with the legendary New Zealand wing who shook rugby and the World Cup to its foundations 20 years ago, when he redefined the boundaries of the sport and used England full-back Mike Catt as a doormat on the way to the try line for good measure.

Former New Zealand star Frank Bunce was happy to tag North “the new Lomu” when he scored two tries on his World Cup debut four years ago. Wales legend Graham Price went further when he described North as better than Lomu because “he is more skilful and can defend when the ball is put behind him”.

There is no doubt about it, as he prepares for his second World Cup few players have been saddled with more pressure and expectation negotiating the early years of their chosen profession.

Yet North, to his credit, has taken it all in his stride, lining up records one after the other like rugby players singing the National Anthem.

He was the youngest player to score a try on his debut for Wales at 18 years and 214 days when he scored twice against South Africa in a 29-25 defeat.

He became the World Cup’s youngest try-scorer when he crossed twice in Wales’ 81-7 pool win over Namibia in 2011, aged 19 years and 166 days.

In February he became the youngest player to gain 50 international caps when he faced France at the age of 22.

First. Youngest. Quickest. Best. North, now 23, is no stranger to superlatives, especially when he pulled on the Lions shirt in 2013 and scored a try which inevitably brought renewed comparison with that man Lomu. Receiving a kick deep in his own half in the first Test against Australia, North beat the first man, almost got ankle-tapped, then went round Berrick Barnes with ingenious sleight of foot before sliding in for the try.

That is the form Wales’ fans want to see in the World Cup, the type of finishing they might need if they are to progress out of Pool A, the so-called ‘group of death’ which includes England and Australia. Again that is piling unfair pressure on North, who was sidelined for the best part of six months after a spate of concussions.

North has viewed his lot with a pinch of phlegmatism. “I’ve been bitterly unlucky,” he says. “But I want to be able to have a life after rugby, so there’s not much more you can do but shrug your shoulders.”

On the World Cup itself he sees Wales v Australia as a key match, but admits the squad have drawn belief from last autumn’s narrow 33-28 defeat by Australia and their 12-6 victory against South Africa, Wales’ first victory against a southern hemisphere giant in 23 attempts. “It gives us confidence knowing that on our day we can beat these teams,” said North. “On our day we can beat any team.”

North pushed his 6ft 4in, 17st 2lb, frame through his August contact sessions with no problems, and looks in shape to be a rejuvenated force when the World Cup begins.

Wales captain Sam Warburton said: “Physically he is a freak and I never thought he was going to miss the World Cup. He is one of our players with X-factor and one of the best players in the world.”

Twenty years ago they were saying much the same of Jonah Lomu. Those comparisons will not go away.

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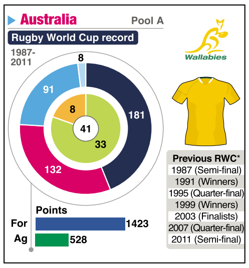
Pool A

Michael Cheika is a coach who players want to play for

Giteau in gold routine

Aussie playmaker says moving to France has improved his game

by Nick Purewal



MATT GITEAU stormed out of Australia's World Cup camp angry, but justified in his decision to quit the Wallabies and sign for Toulon.

Giteau parted on bad terms with coach Robbie Deans after being omitted from the 2011 World Cup squad.

The versatile playmaker jumped on the first plane out of Sydney, ending his Test career in the process.

And up until April this year, that's exactly how it stayed – no matter his peerless performances in claiming consecutive European club crowns.

Giteau had long since made his peace with a final haul of 92 caps and two World Cup campaigns, when new boss Michael Cheika – who took charge soon after Ewen McKenzie resigned in 2014 – reopened old wounds.

For the first time, Australia could select overseas-based players – but only those with more than 60 caps. Giteau needed little convincing, despite the raw past.

A third European title and that Wallabies return later, and the 32-year-old is once more a fixture among Australia's myriad playmaking options.

"When I left Australia I was no longer selected, so it was almost like the decision was made for me," said Giteau.

"I needed a change and a challenge, so I'd already decided to go to France before I'd been cut from the Wallabies.

"So it almost reinforced the decision when I made it. When I signed I knew the rules – I knew I could no longer be available for Australia. It wasn't something I wasted time on, because they had the rule for a reason.

"Michael Cheika's a coach players want to play for. He's hard, but he's fair with every single player: he doesn't play favourites, he disciplines players if he feels that's best for the programme, not because it appeases the media. He sticks with what he believes, and you've got to admire it.

"He doesn't separate himself from the team, and you can't really argue with that. As a player that's exactly the kind of coach you want to play for."

Giteau's Test return after four years in the cold has left Christian Lealiifano surplus to World Cup requirements.

Such is the Wallabies' wealth of playmaking options that Will Genia and Quade Cooper could well offer dynamism from the bench.

Nick Phipps and Bernard Foley were the starting half-backs before the shifts in selection eligibility – now coach Cheika must balance those talents around Matt Toomua's strong claims to the 12 shirt, and of course Giteau.

Whether at 10 or 12, both Wales and England know full well the accomplished pivot could well prove their World Cup scourge.

Playmaker Matt Giteau feels refreshed after his break

The 'group of death' line-up in Pool A means one big gun will miss out before expected time, and hosts England and Wales will be desperate not to fall by the wayside before the knockout stages. The Wallabies were disappointing in the 2014 Rugby Championship, but, this time around, Giteau took the 12 shirt as Australia stunned New Zealand 27-19 in Sydney to claim the title with all the fire and flair in customary mix.

As though that victory were not enough, the man himself admits moving to France has improved him as a player.

"I do feel I'm a better player now," said Giteau. "I've probably got the balance right with family life.

"I've got a couple of kids now, that's probably put rugby in the background a little."

Ortega key for Los Teros

URUGUAY claimed the 20th and final place at the tournament by overcoming a first-leg deficit to beat Russia 57-49 on aggregate.

That success, which saw the South American side roared on by a national record of more than 14,000 spectators at Montevideo's Estadio Charrua in the second leg, means Los Teros will be gracing the finals for only the third time in their history.

Coach Lemoine will rely on the experience of flanker Rodrigo Capo Ortega, who returned to the national team in 2014 after a five-year exile.

"From the day we board the plane to England to the moment our campaign ends, the whole tournament is going to be an incredible experience for us," said Lemoine. "Playing big matches against big sides is an aspiration for our team."

Fiji could cause an upset, but reaching the knockout phase is likely to be beyond them.

They share a group with England, Wales and Australia and, for all their flamboyance and power, Fiji have never been able to replicate their Sevens success in 15-a-side Rugby.

It is in the shorter format that the Flying Fijians have consistently left their mark on the world stage and, while two quarter-final finishes are not to be sniffed at, they should boast a better record in the traditional game.

Fiji's record appearance holder and points scorer Nicky Little believes that Fiji should play without fear and try to entertain.

"This is the Pool of Death for the big boys," he told Fiji rugby union's official website.

"We are not going there to win it, so let's go there to put bums on seats."

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World Cup 2015 wallchart

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Pool	Fixture	Kick-off
	FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER	
A	England v Fiji	8pm
	SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER	
C	Tonga v Georgia	12noon
D	Ireland v Canada	2.30pm
B	South Africa v Japan	4.45pm
D	France v Italy	8pm
	SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER	
B	Samoa v USA	12noon
A	Wales v Uruguay	2.30pm
C	New Zealand v Argentina	4.45pm
	WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER	
B	Scotland v Japan	2.30pm
A	Australia v Fiji	4.45pm
D	France v Romania	8pm
	THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER	
C	New Zealand v Namibia	8pm
	FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER	
C	Argentina v Georgia	4.45pm
	SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER	
D	Italy v Canada	2.30pm
B	South Africa v Samoa	4.45pm
A	England v Wales	8pm
	SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER	
A	Australia v Uruguay	12noon
B	Scotland v USA	2.30pm
D	Ireland v Romania	4.45pm
	TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER	
C	Tonga v Namibia	4.45pm
	THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER	
A	Wales v Fiji	4.45pm
D	France v Canada	8pm
	FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER	
C	New Zealand v Georgia	8pm
	SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER	
B	Samoa v Japan	2.30pm
B	South Africa v Scotland	4.45pm
A	England v Australia	8pm
	SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER	
C	Argentina v Tonga	2.30pm
D	Ireland v Italy	4.45pm
	TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER	
D	Canada v Romania	4.45pm
A	Fiji v Uruguay	8pm
	WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER	
B	South Africa v USA	4.45pm
C	Namibia v Georgia	8pm
	FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER	
C	New Zealand v Tonga	8pm
	SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER	
B	Samoa v Scotland	2.30pm
A	Australia v Wales	4.45pm
A	England v Uruguay	8pm
	SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER	
C	Argentina v Namibia	12noon
D	Italy v Romania	2.30pm
D	France v Ireland	4.45pm
B	USA v Japan	8pm
	SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER	
	Quarter-final 1	4pm
	Quarter-final 2	8pm
	SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER	
	Quarter-final 3	1pm
	Quarter-final 4	4pm
	SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER	
	Semi-final 1	4pm
	SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER	
	Semi-final 2	4pm
	FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER	
	Bronze final	8pm
	SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER	
	Rugby World Cup final	4pm

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The World Cup at Twickenham and, clockwise from above, England captain Chris Robshaw, Wales wing George North, Scotland full-back Stuart Hogg and Ireland captain Paul O'Connell

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20 Sept, 2.30pm, Millennium Stadium, Cardiff
Wales ☐ **Uruguay**

23 Sept, 4.45pm, Millennium Stadium, Cardiff
Australia ☐ **Fiji**

26 Sept, 8pm, Twickenham, London
England ☐ **Wales**

27 Sept, 12 noon, Villa Park, Birmingham
Australia ☐ **Uruguay**

1 Oct, 4.45pm, Millennium Stadium, Cardiff
Wales ☐ **Fiji**

3 Oct, 8pm, Twickenham, London
England ☐ **Australia**

6 Oct, 8pm, Stadiummk, Milton Keynes
Fiji ☐ **Uruguay**

10 Oct, 4.45pm, Twickenham, London
Australia ☐ **Wales**

10 Oct, 8pm, Manchester City Stadium
England ☐ **Uruguay**

POOL B

19 Sept, 4.45pm, Brighton Community Stadium
S.Africa ☐ **Japan**

20 Sept, 12 noon, Brighton Community Stadium
Samoa ☐ **USA**

23 Sept, 2.30pm, Kingsholm, Gloucester
Scotland ☐ **Japan**

26 Sept, 4,45pm, Villa Park, Birmingham
S.Africa ☐ **Samoa**

27 Sept, 2.30pm, Elland Road, Leeds
Scotland ☐ **USA**

3 Oct, 2.30pm, Stadiummk, Milton Keynes
Samoa ☐ **Japan**

3 Oct, 4.45pm, St James' Park, Newcastle
S.Africa ☐ **Scotland**

7 Oct, 4.45pm, Olympic Stadium, London
S.Africa ☐ **USA**

10 Oct, 2.30pm, St James' Park, Newcastle
Samoa ☐ **Scotland**

11 Oct, 8pm, Kingsholm, Gloucester
USA ☐ **Japan**

POOL C

19 Sept, 12 noon, Kingsholm, Gloucester
Tonga ☐ **Georgia**

20 Sept, 4.45pm, Wembley Stadium, London
New Zealand ☐ **Argentina**

24 Sept, 8pm, Olympic Stadium, London
New Zealand ☐ **Namibia**

25 Sept, 4.45pm, Kingsholm, Gloucester
Argentina ☐ **Georgia**

29 Sept, 4.45pm, Sandy Park, Exeter
Tonga ☐ **Namibia**

2 Oct, 8pm, Millennium Stadium, Cardiff
New Zealand ☐ **Georgia**

4 Oct, 2.30pm, Leicester City Stadium
Argentina ☐ **Tonga**

7 Oct, 8pm, Sandy Park, Exeter
Namibia ☐ **Georgia**

9 Oct, 8pm, St James' Park, Newcastle
New Zealand ☐ **Tonga**

11 Oct, 12 noon, Leicester City Stadium
Argentina ☐ **Namibia**

POOL D

19 Sept, 2.30pm, Millennium Stadium, Cardiff
Ireland ☐ **Canada**

19 Sept, 8pm, Twickenham, London
France ☐ **Italy**

23 Sept, 8pm, Olympic Stadium, London
France ☐ **Romania**

26 Sept, 2.30pm, Elland Road, Leeds
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Canada ☐ **Romania**

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Italy ☐ **Romania**

11 Oct, 4.45pm, Millennium Stadium, Cardiff
France ☐ **Ireland**

POOL A TABLE

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B3									
B4									
B5									

POOL C TABLE

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C3									
C4									
C5									

POOL D TABLE

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D4									
D5									

FINAL TABLES

Win	4 points
Draw	2 points
Loss	0 points
4 or more tries	1 point
Loss by 7 points or fewer	1 point

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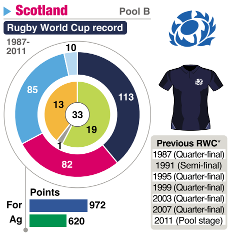
Pool B

> Denton really is related to the author Rudyard Kipling

Denton: the man who would be king

by Frank Malley



DAVID DENTON is the sort of man who lives by the maxim that no rugby player should ever take a backward step.

It is why he has no problem in declaring that Scotland can win the World Cup, despite having lost all five matches in this year's Six Nations championship.

Already the all-action Scotland No.8 has weighed up the possibilities of lining up in Pool B alongside South Africa, Samoa, Japan and the United States. He said: "Our first goal is to get out of the pool and then give ourselves every chance of winning the World Cup. We are in this sport to win.

"We have tough games, particularly against South Africa and Samoa, that we need to make sure we perform well in. It's a pool I think we can do well in and then, if we get a favourable quarter-final, we move on from there."

Where does the optimism, some might say romanticism, come from? A clue is in the name. David Kipling Denton.

Denton really is related to Rudyard Kipling, the short-story writer, poet and novelist chiefly renowned for his tales and poems of British soldiers in India and his imaginative stories for children. It is not exactly the closest of relationships, but it is on his father's side and Denton has described it as "his grandfather's great uncle once removed".

No matter, the famous genes are in there somewhere and Denton, who was born in Marondera, Zimbabwe, and educated in South Africa, was brought up on a diet of The Jungle Book, If and The Man Who Would Be King.

Stirring tales are in his DNA and with Scotland – who lost narrowly to Ireland in their warm-up match in August – showing signs of significant improvement, there is hope that the saltires might be fluttering jauntily when the team start their campaign against Japan at Gloucester on September 23. There is much to suggest this is Denton's time.

In 2011 he was disappointed, missing out on the World Cup squad after coming off the bench and impressing in a 10-6 win over Ireland in a warm-up match. In retrospect, at 22, he was too green, although his 6ft 5ins 17st 7lb frame marked him out as one for the future.

As Scotland failed to reach the knockout stage for the first time in their history in that World Cup, perhaps fate was looking after the man whose rampaging running in the loose, have been one of the bright lights in what has been a dark period in Scotland rugby.

Denton's flaxen locks make him unmistakeable when he is first to the breakdown point, first with the tackle, first with an inspired counter.

They are admirable qualities. However, whatever Denton says, they will not be enough for Scotland to win this World Cup. But don't rule out the odd shock.

David Denton shows his strength against Ireland

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Pool B

> We will be carrying the hopes of a nation on our shoulders

Victor Matfield will offer a towering presence in South Africa's line-out

Meyer predicts a close call ahead of crunch time

by Andrew Baldock

SOUTH AFRICA coach Heyneke Meyer has predicted that the closest World Cup in rugby union history is potentially about to unfold.

The Springboks were world champions in 1995 and 2007, and they will be among the favourites to become rugby's first three-time tournament winners over the coming weeks.

Meyer's men experienced a disappointing Rugby Championship campaign recently, which was highlighted by their shock home defeat against Argentina, but they are unlikely to be found wanting when the chips are down.

"We are going to England with the hopes of a nation on our shoulders, and we would really like to make our country proud – but we are under no illusions about how tough it will be," said Meyer.

"The gap between all the nations playing in the tournament has shrunk over the years, and this will probably be the closest World Cup yet.

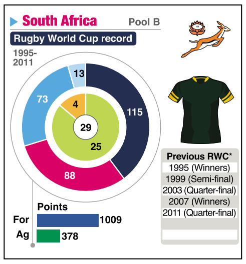
"But the players have really worked hard over the last two months, and by the time we get to Brighton for our first match, we will hopefully be firing on all cylinders."

South Africa are clear favourites to top a group that also includes Scotland, Samoa, Japan and the United States, although things could get a whole lot tougher after that.

If they win the group or qualify as runners-up, then their quarter-final opponents look set to be England, Wales or Australia.

"The Boks have generally done very well at previous tournaments, and our aim will be to build on that," added Meyer.

"A lot of our players featured in 2007 and 2011 and will know what it takes to succeed. There is a lot of talk about the permutations for the quarter-finals, but our aim is only on the first game, against Japan."



Previous RWC*
- 1995 (Winners)
- 1999 (Semi-final)
- 2003 (Quarter-final)
- 2007 (Winners)
- 2011 (Quarter-final)

Meyer's squad includes three cap centurions – skipper Jean de Villiers, wing Bryan Habana and lock Victor Matfield – while Matfield and flanker Schalk Burger join a select group of players to feature in four different World Cups. But 16 members of Meyer's 31-man group are World Cup debutants, and there is one uncapped player in the form of scrum-half Rudy Paige. "Every single player in our wider group worked incredibly hard, and to cut the squad to 31 was probably the most difficult selection I've faced in my coaching career," said Meyer.

"In the end, the selectors decided the 31 players named were the best we have at the moment, but that is not to say any of the others won't have a role to play, with injuries a reality in our game.

"Because of the size of the squad, we also had to give more consideration to utility players who can move around between positions, such as Schalk Brits and Pieter-Steph du Toit."

Japan rely on Tanaka

JAPAN boast more rugby clubs than any other nation in the world, but still have some way to go to join the sport's elite.

All Black great John Kirwan was appointed as head coach in 2006 and guided Japan to their first positive World Cup result in 16 years when they drew with Canada.

They were disappointed at narrowly losing to Tonga in 2011, which illustrated the progress they had made. The Japanese RFU turned to Eddie Jones when Kirwan left in 2011.

Jones has proved to be an inspired choice after leading Japan to 10 straight victories since taking over, and, although they are no longer able to call on international rugby's all-time leading try-scorer, Daisuke Ohata, scrum-half Fumiaki Tanaka, inset, is a tricky customer.

Wyles key to US chances

CHRIS WYLES, left, has been a stalwart at full-back for the United States, and he will need to be firing on all cylinders if his team are to stand a chance of recording multiple wins for the first time in the history of the tournament.

The USA beat Georgia, Romania and Russia in the build-up to this year's event, so they will be filled with confidence ahead of their opening game against Samoa, who will be relying on the likes of George Pisi, Joe Tekori and James Johnson to do the business for them.

Samoa's style of play, as well as their success in causing upsets, makes them worldwide crowd-pleasers.

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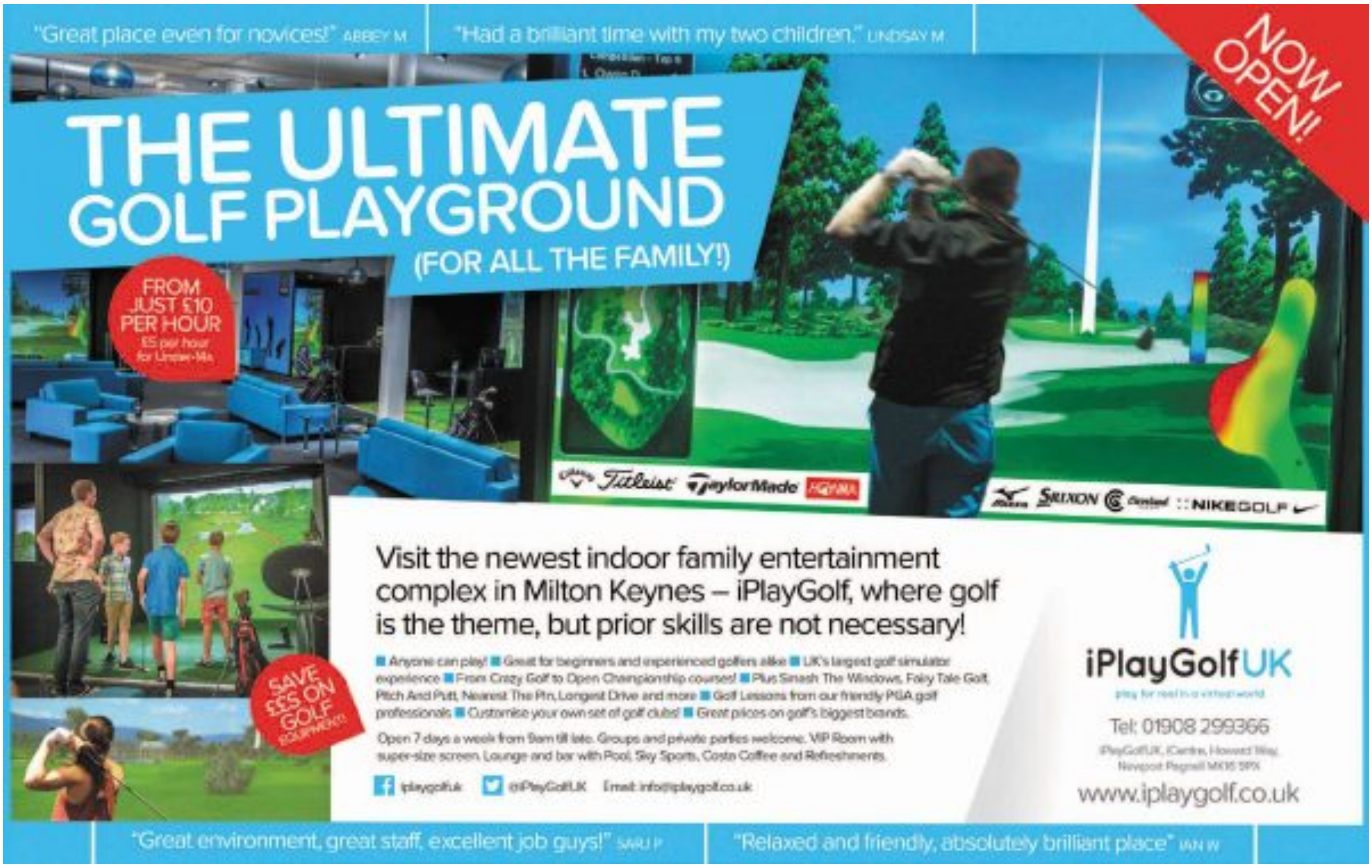

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Pool C

> *It's one thing winning it, but it's another thing defending it*

Lomu backs a Blackwash

by Matt McGeehan

NEW ZEALAND have been breaking the mould since the days of Jonah Lomu.

Now the All Blacks will bid to do what no team has done before and defend their title.

"It's one thing winning it, but it's another thing defending it," said Lomu, who left an indelible mark on the game with his performances in the 1995 and 1999 tournaments, despite never winning the trophy.

"No-one's ever done it. New Zealand are hoping to do it. They're the ones that hold the trophy. Until they're knocked off the perch, they're still the team to beat.

"But a World Cup is a funny thing. It doesn't matter how good you are, it could all change."

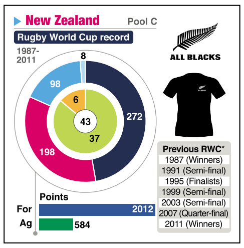
In many senses it could be easier for Steve Hansen's side than it was four years ago when, on home soil and after 24 years of trying, New Zealand finally regained the Webb Ellis Trophy.

The burden laid heavy on the All Blacks, whose fourth-choice fly-half Stephen Donald was called up from his fishing break to kick the decisive penalty in Auckland. Only in the inaugural 1987 tournament had a New Zealand team won before.

Despite the All Blacks often being the world's best consistently, they floundered in the big tournaments. And they finally overcame nemeses France, who beat them in 1999 and 2007 when they were favourites.

They had to think of all the great names who pulled on the black jersey before them and fell short of glory – a list led by Lomu.

The 6ft 5in, 18-and-a-half stone Lomu astounded with his power and try-scoring at the 1995 tournament. Four of his World Cup record haul of 15 tries came in the semi-final with England in Cape Town, before hosts South Africa won the tournament.



Few players have had an impact comparable to Lomu's. There are plenty of bigger backs and wings on display – Wales' George North to name one – now.

But Lomu remains the original and the one against whom comparisons are made.

It may not be possible to match Lomu, but New Zealand can make history.

Jonah Lomu at his rampaging best

Creevy aims high

by Nick Purewal

AGUSTIN CREEVY is relishing the chance to lead Argentina to success.

"The dream is to be champion," he said. "World champion."

Los Pumas will open their tournament campaign against New Zealand at Wembley on September 20.

The South Americans then take on Georgia in Gloucester five days later, before meeting Tonga at Leicester City's stadium on October 4.

Argentina take on Namibia, also in Leicester, in their last Pool C match.

The tournament represents a huge opportunity for La Plata-born Creevy, who has played for Worcester Warriors in the Championship since 2013, when he joined from Montpellier.

He played in every game in his first World Cup in 2011. Now he has the additional responsibility as captain.

"For me it is very important to be captain at this World Cup," he said. "It's one of the most important things that has happened in my sporting life.

"I'm going to enjoy it and wear with honour the captain's armband and hope to continue to guide the players.

"I will try to contribute by taking the team to go as far as possible."

Creevy made his test debut for Argentina in 2005, and has gone on to earn 40 caps.

Georgia bank on defeating Los Pumas

GEORGIA will expect to see off both Tonga and Namibia while avoiding an embarrassment against the mighty All Blacks – so the clash with Argentina could prove decisive. Tonga will be hoping that this tournament is their chance to advance to the latter stages of the competition for the first time, while Namibia face the toughest possible start to their 2015 campaign as they take on New Zealand at the Olympic Stadium on September 24.

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Pool D

Michalak: Power lies in the north

by Duncan Bech

Frederic Michalak

FRANCE'S reborn fly-half Frederic Michalak questions whether the southern hemisphere giants will struggle physically against the European nations in the early stages of the World Cup.

New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and Argentina have prepared for England 2015 by playing in a truncated Rugby Championship – consisting of only three rounds – that was won by the Wallabies.

While Michalak believes any of the tier one teams are capable of lifting the trophy, he suspects the long summer training camps and warm-up fixtures that have formed the build-up for RBS 6 Nations sides will prove better preparation.

"I think the New Zealanders, Australians and South Africans will have had less preparation than us," he said. "They have played high-level games and physically they will have a little trouble with the northern hemisphere nations, which have had physical preparation of high quality.

"But all teams will challenge for the World Cup and can claim the title."

If France are to make an impression, they will need a level of consistency from Michalak that the mercurial 32-year-old has been unable to demonstrate during a Test career spanning 14 years and 72 caps.

One of two fly-halves selected in Philippe Saint-Andre's 31-man squad, Michalak is duelling with Remi Tales for the role of playmaker and appears to have the edge on his rival from Castres.

Overlooked for the 2011 World Cup and a central, if disappointing, figure in 2003 and 2007, Michalak credits the wisdom that accompanies his advancing years for his return to favour.

"There are certain positions on a rugby field like mine where you need years of experience – and, like wine, I'm getting better as years go by," he said.

"But I'm not thinking about it. Where I've changed is that I accepted I can't be at my best all the time."

Parisse aims to lead Italy further

ITALY will have only one thing on their mind – reach the quarter finals for the first time in their history.

Coach Jacques Brunel will need captain Sergio Parisse to lead from the front if the Azzurri are to make any impression on group favourites France and Ireland.

Brunel's team have shown they can compete with the top tier sides in Europe after winning two matches in the 2013 Six Nations campaign.

Canada have played in all seven World Cups and recorded seven wins during that time, but had little joy against the game's elite.

They have gone close to beating established nations, most notably against Scotland in Toronto last summer, but it's going to be a big ask for Canada to reach the knockout stages for the first time since 1991.

Romania are one of only 12 nations to have competed in every World Cup, but it's going to be difficult to see them avoiding the wooden spoon.

Lynn Howells, Wales' assistant coach under Graham Henry during the 1999 event, is the man charged with changing Romania's fortunes over the next month.

Kearney key to Ireland's chances

by Nick Purewal

WHEN Ireland complete their last-minute preparations before their opening encounter against Canada in Cardiff, Siobhan Kearney will light a candle.

Ireland full-back Rob Kearney will clear his mind, focus on the biggest stage of all – and leave the rituals to his mum.

The British and Irish Lions star draws strength from his mother's support, but is just too steely-eyed to let superstition creep into his own routine.

No lucky pants for the 29-year-old means no fretting about remembering what to pack – and no match-day panic.

"I look at guys with superstitions, and some guys say 'I only wear these jocks for every game'," said Kearney.

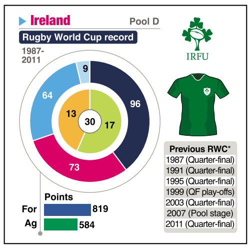
"But I've seen guys leave those lucky jocks back in Dublin, then worry about what to do next.

"Being forced into a corner or a situation like that, it's not something I really want.

"Thankfully I'm not too superstitious and I don't intend on being so anytime soon.

"The support of my family is different obviously – their backing is huge. To know that they are thinking about you, and supporting you, that always gives you a lift.

"Family plays a huge role in you fulfilling your potential. The happier you are, the more comfortable you are: the more you can do your thing when it comes to game-time."



Ireland's trusted last line of defence is also an astute attacking tactician and a master of the aerial assault so pivotal in head coach Joe Schmidt's preferred gameplan.

The Leinster stalwart has an MBA in the bag and a part share in a thriving Ballsbridge bar, which was a joint venture with brother Dave, Jamie Heaslip and Sean O'Brien.

Relentless Kiwi coach Schmidt is famed for his intense training camps, often stopping players in the Carton House corridors for a pop-quiz.

The ex-Clermont and Leinster coach has no off switch when it comes to rugby, and demands the same of his charges.

Schmidt does appreciate the art of balance, however, and has introduced meditation sessions into the mayhem of Test match preparation.

Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic is among the many sporting devotees of 'mindfulness', and Kearney – one part sceptic and two parts cynic – admits himself a convert too.

There were times were when rugby players would have volunteered themselves for committal on feeling the need for a lie-down in a darkened room, but, in a world where Leicester hardman Richard Cockerill can relish Bikram yoga, all bets are off.

"It's 15 to 20 minutes twice a week, I suppose it gives guys a chance to chill out, be reflective of what's gone on that day, the previous few days, and how you're going to attack the rest of the week," said Kearney.

"Some guys enjoy it, some guys don't, but again if it helps you improve yourself by even half a per cent you're adding value to the team and that's the ultimate goal.

"There's a little bit of music, not pop or hip-hop or anything, but it's guys lying down and having a few moments to themselves. There's not a huge amount to it, it's very easy to do and it's very easy to practise, but it has shown a few little results for us.

"Joe's style – his approach and the results we've had so far with him – it's all very reassuring. We've got a group of players, a culture, a staff and a set of players where everyone and everything is driven towards being the best for each other. We recognise this, we've fully committed to it and hopefully that will pay off."

Test rugby stars are natural high-achievers, and Kearney conceded hitting pause on the treadmill takes some getting used to.

"It is difficult, they try to get you to switch off and focus on your breathing and all those sorts of things. It can be tough not to think about the game at the weekend, training that day, or the conversation you had the night before," said Kearney.

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> *The way he trains is phenomenal. He is the ultimate athlete*

Henderson aims to ‘do it for O’Connell’

Iain Henderson, tipped to succeed Paul O’Connell as Ireland’s next captain, goes over for his side’s only try during the warm-up match against Wales in Dublin last month

by Nick Purewal

IAIN HENDERSON has challenged Ireland to give “the ultimate athlete” Paul O’Connell a fitting Test finale by producing their best-ever run.

Tight-five talisman O’Connell will retire from the Test arena after this year’s tournament, and he will then be swapping his home province of Munster for the enticing Cote d’Azur shores at Toulon.

The 35-year-old lock enters the global gathering as Ireland’s oldest captain of all time, but in scintillating and gritty form, with Joe Schmidt’s men sitting second in the world rankings.

Ulster lock Henderson admitted Ireland are targeting a first-ever semi-final as much for national treasure O’Connell as anything else.

“He’s been a real talisman for Munster as well as Ireland for years and years, and of course no one is going to begrudge him that move to France,” said Henderson.

“The main challenge now is for us to hopefully go further in the tournament than Ireland ever have – that would be the ideal send-off for him, if we could.

“He’s obviously a fantastic leader and captain on the pitch, but what people don’t really see is how professional he is off the pitch.

“He has an impeccable diet and approach, and the way he trains is phenomenal. He is the ultimate athlete.”

Imposing Ulster lock Henderson has long since been earmarked as O’Connell’s natural successor, but the 23-year-old is understandably refusing to look to the future.

The powerful second row insists O’Connell can continue to set the standard at the tournament, when Ireland take on France, Italy, Canada and Romania in Pool D.

Head coach Schmidt’s men will open their campaign by facing Canada at the Millennium Stadium on September 19, with Henderson adamant O’Connell will lead from the front with the exacting lineout coordination and bullish grunt work that has underpinned Ireland’s two consecutive RBS 6 Nations title charges.

When the old warhorse departs for a sojourn in a southern French field, Henderson and company can battle over his starting berth.

The Ulster man might be favourite, but will not allow thoughts to stray from the challenge, or the captain’s example he must still follow.

“I learned so much from just watching him in my early days, and of course then from playing against him,” said Henderson.

“Those inter-provincial matches are seriously tough battles, and going up against guys like that really helps you learn quickly.”

Kiwi boss Schmidt has kept his Irish charges guessing all summer as to his preferred selection plans.

True to form, the demanding boss has shrouded his thoughts in mystery in a bid to keep his players on edge – and therefore in focus.

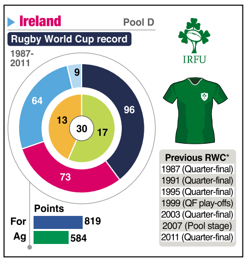
Henderson believes Schmidt has more than enough credit in the bank for the Ireland squad to commit wholeheartedly to his relentless regime.

“Joe wouldn’t be doing anything if he didn’t have a logical explanation for it,” said Henderson.

“If you were to take the time and ask him why we were doing specific things then he would always have an answer for that.

“He’s meticulous in his planning – everything we do is for a reason.

“Again, that’s just another way of everyone staying sharp and on their toes.”



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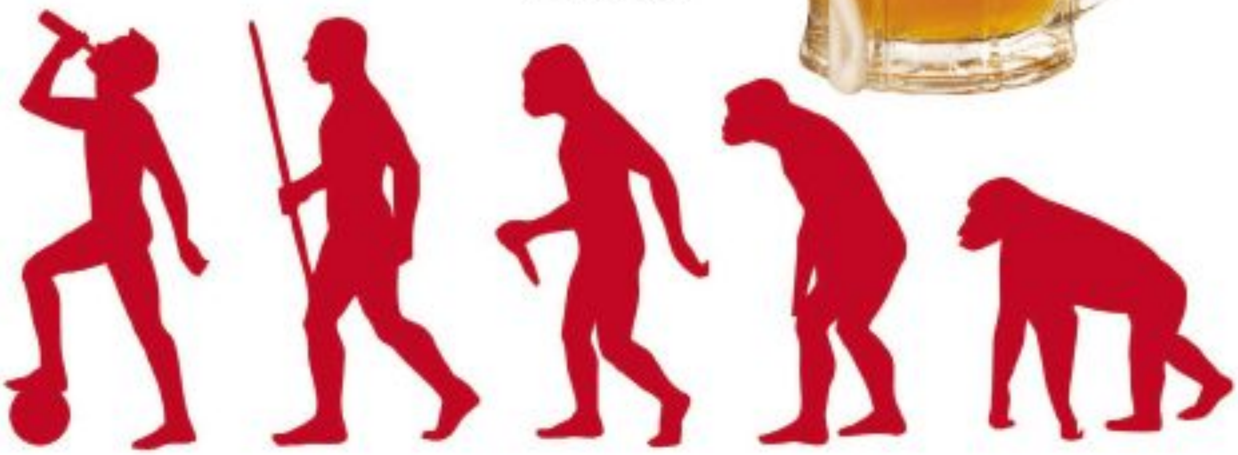

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Meat lovers will take particular interest in Brown's Gourmet Sausages, while The Bull Inn will be selling burgers and ribs.

Bakers can admire the culinary skills of Amazing Grains and Replete Flatbreads, while those with a sweeter tooth can enjoy offerings from Minkiemoo Bakery and Kitty's Cake Emporium.

The BOFF Bake Off also returns and is open to all non-professional bakers and children up to the age of 16 – with judges including 2007 Masterchef runner up Hannah Miles. Just turn up on the day with your creation.

Also on offer will be a variety of entertainment, including musical duo Reminisce, while there will also a Kidzone where children can enjoy activities such as face painting. The Great Gappo will also be clowning around for your entertainment.

BOFF takes place in Olney Market Place from noon until 10.30pm on Saturday and 10am until 6pm on Sunday.

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MILTON Keynes Heritage Open Days marks its 10th anniversary with more than 50 free events for families from tomorrow until Sunday.

Organised by Living Archive with support from Milton Keynes Council, thousands of adults and children from Milton Keynes and the surrounding area are expected to enjoy exhibitions, workshops, open days, craft events and performances to suit all ages.

Events this weekend include live outdoor theatre at MK Museum, Wolverton, on Saturday from 1.15pm.

Also on Saturday skate culture will be celebrated at The Buszy in Central Milton Keynes from noon and an apple celebration day will take place at York House, Stony Stratford, from 1pm.

See more events at **www.onemk.co.uk**

nigelhavers

NIGEL Havers is set to star in The Importance of Being Earnest when its countrywide tour comes to Milton Keynes Theatre next week.

The former Coronation Street star performed in the stage production of the Oscar Wilde play during its stint in the West End and is looking forward to rejoining the cast as Algernon Moncrieff.

He said: "It is written by the best English comedic writer to have ever lived, he is the greatest comedy writer and the audience are almost getting two stories within one.

"I'm great friends with the whole cast – we have been tinkering and polishing the show since we last did it, but there won't be any ad-libbing during the performance."

Nigel is no stranger to Milton Keynes having starred in the New Art Tour among other plays during his career although, when asked what he knew about the city, he jokingly responded "It's where people live isn't it?"

Readers may also have seen the 63-year-old actor in TV shows including Little Britain and Would I Lie to You? and even in the jungle on reality ITV show I'm a Celebrity Get Me out of Here.

One piece of work that Nigel has recently enjoyed is the film Bad Education, which was written and directed by his godchild and comedian Jack Whitehall, who also stars in the movie.

Nigel was at the premiere of the film a few weeks ago and said: "It is a fantastically broad comedy that is cleverly written."

The Importance of Being Earnest will be at the theatre from Tuesday until September 19. To book tickets visit www.atgtickets.com

lawndrama

A WEEKEND of drama is about to unfold at Westbury Arts Centre in Shenley Wood.

Saturday and Sunday will see the fourth annual Shakespeare on The Lawn take place in front of the 17th century farm building.

A collaboration of professional and amateur actors will be presenting a dramatic medley of extracts from the Bard's plays.

The performances begin at 3pm each day and last for approximately two hours. Entry is free.

banddate

METAL band Dog Fashion Disco will be taking to the stage at The Craufurd Arms tomorrow.

Formed in 1995 by Todd Smith, Greg Combs, and John Ensminger in Rockville Maryland, the group reunited in 2013 after a six-year hiatus.

Dog Fashion Disco are said to combine a number of musical styles in their songs, including jazz and heavy metal.

Tickets cost £12 in advance and can be bought from www.thecraufurdarms.com. Doors open at 7.30pm and entry is open to all over the age of 14.

dreamcircus

ONCE upon a time, in a place of dreams, a mythical circus travelled far and wide astounding crowds with its spectacular extravaganza.

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AS SUMMER comes to an end and autumn begins, JAMES FROST from Frost's Garden Centre gives advice on what to do this month

harvesttime

SEPTEMBER is a pivotal month with the end of the cropping and flowering season and preparation for the winter season in progress.

Dig your last few potatoes before the slugs damage them and continue to harvest end crops of beans, beetroot and carrots, before they suffer from pest damage.

Autumn fruiting raspberries can also be picked now finishing off the soft fruit season.

September is the time to start sowing and planting – hardy annuals such as calendula (English marigold), centaurea (cornflower) and papaver (poppies) can be sown directly into the ground now to flower next year.

Spring flowering bulbs will be out for sale, and now is the time to get out and plant your borders or containers with tulips and daffodils etc.

For more tips read my article in full at **www.onemk.co.uk**

warroadshow

A FIRST World War roadshow is heading to Bletchley Park.

Experts in a range of topics will be on hand at the home of the codebreakers on Friday from 9.30am until 4pm.

Visitors can take along their own objects from the conflict and talk to the experts on a one-to-one basis – call 01908 640404 beforehand.

There will even be the option for visitors to create a 3D scan of their memorabilia and share a digital image online.

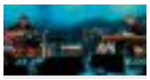
Admission is £16.75 for adults, £10 for children and free for under 12s.

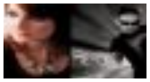
comedygold

THE Stables will be hosting a night of comedy gold when multi award-winning comedian Sean Hughes returns with a new show.

The show will include stories such as how he was serenaded at the break of dawn by Robert Smith, went all the way to Rwanda to see mountain gorillas and realised he will never have a proper conversation with his mum.

The show starts at 8pm on Friday. Tickets cost £15, plus administration fees, from the box office on 01908 280800.





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Women seeking men

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BECKY 23, classy blonde, long blonde hair, blue eyes seeks loving older guy to spoil and pamper her. Discretion assured/guaranteed. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416233** 📱

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FEMALE fun, bubbly, spiritual, likes nights out, seeking male for no strings fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 417715** 📱

SYLVIA, curvy sporty female, 35, tall, leggy and blonde, cultured, classy WLTM mature male, 40-65yrs who is special enough to share my life. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418085** 📱

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AMANDA, 41, curvy brunette wanting to try love again looking for special, outgoing male to end bored and lonely evenings. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 417065** 📱

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Men seeking women

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55YR old male, loving, caring, romantic, seeking female/soul mate for LTR **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 417967** 📱

ALAN, 49yrs, kind chap with own building business, been broken hearted and seeks kind caring lady, looks unimportant. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4105813**

BLACK guy, 47, 6"tall, slim and attractive seeks a large built black or white lady 38 to 55 years old. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418745** 📱

MALE seeking a widow 60+ for long term relationship, nights out and fun times. I am late 50's, active and professional. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4879848**

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GENUINE guy 55, GSOH, attractive, seeks female, 50-58 for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 339641**

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58YR old male, 5ft 8ins, medium build, attractive, GSOH, seeks female, 50-60 with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 390611**

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ED, retired Essex guy, astute & wise. N/S. no ties, with looks & humour seeks younger female needing life's mentor/tutor. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4485189**

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MALE seeking special trustworthy female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 417939** 📱

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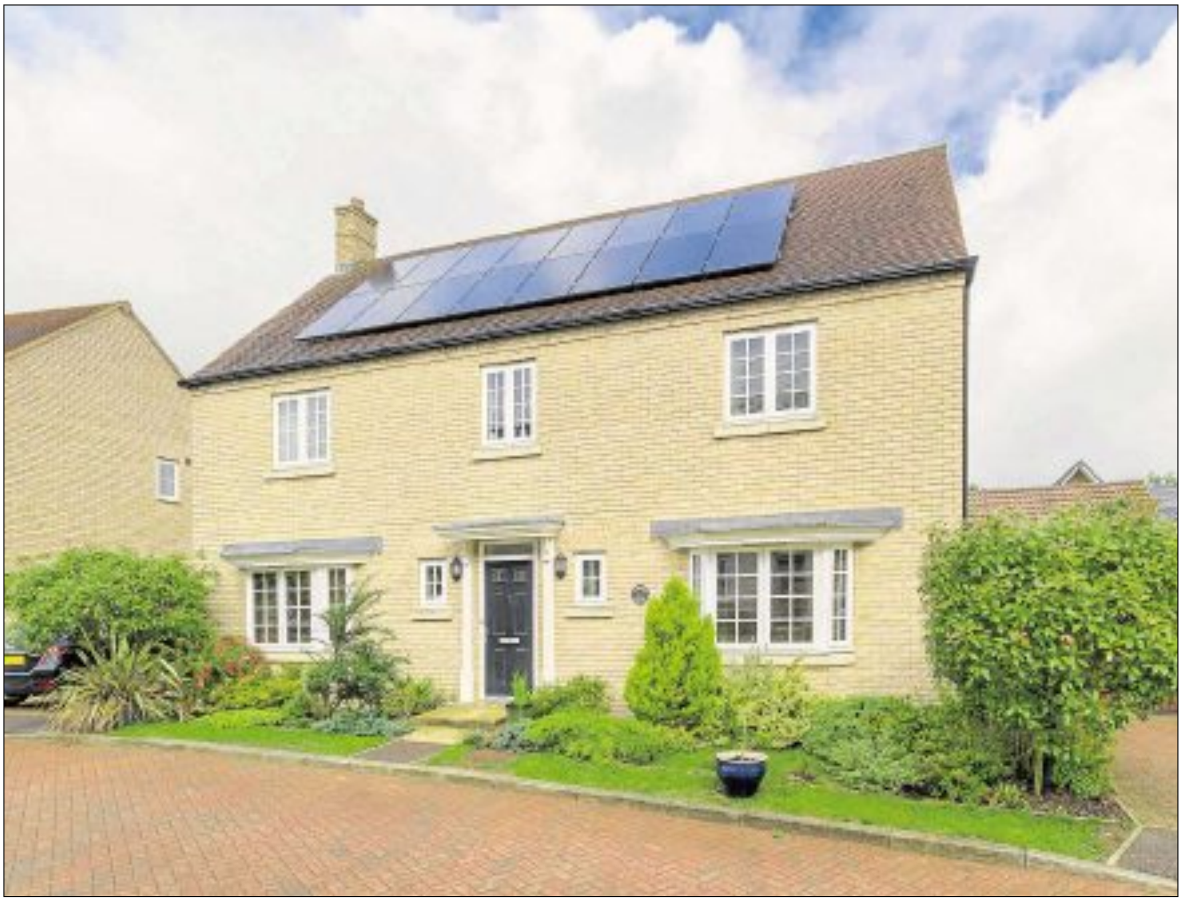

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Planning obtained for six detached 5 bed family homes

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Our architecture and building surveying department's brief was to create eye-catching cutting edge designs, which reflect a contemporary agricultural style to overcome the rural planning policy constraints.

Andrew Barr, head of planning and development at Robinson & Hall comments: "With most rural planning applications the visualisations are often as important as the content. Where it involves farmyard redevelopments planning officers heavily focus on the design aspect as they need to remain in keeping with the character of the rural area. A modern twist has to be incorporated in a sensitive nature to ensure this reflects the site's agricultural heritage."

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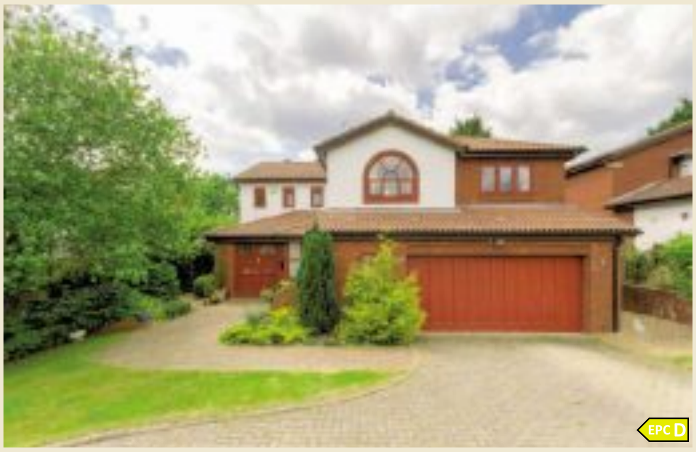

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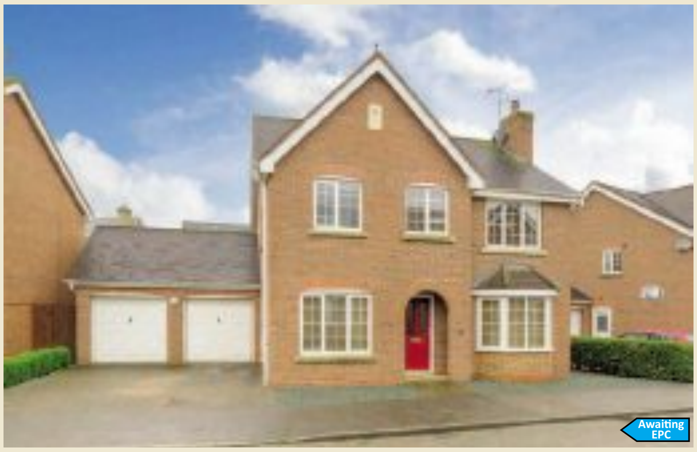

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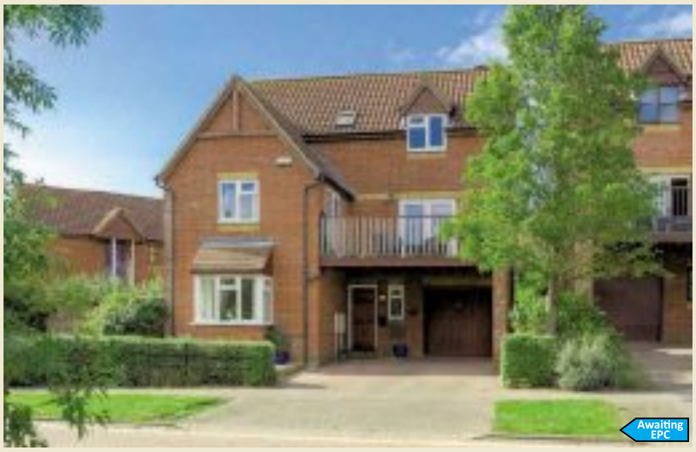

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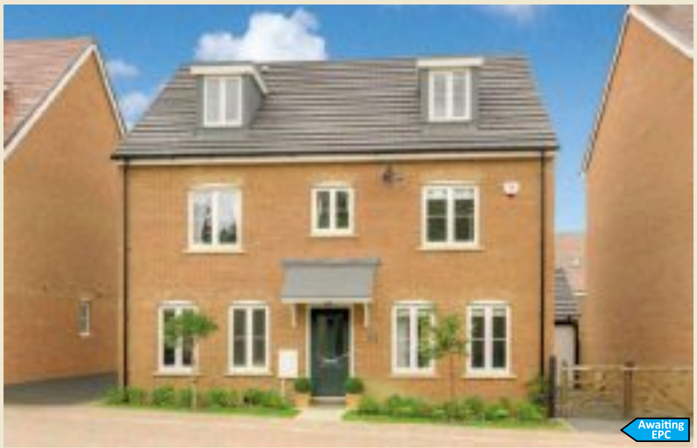

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- Detached Property
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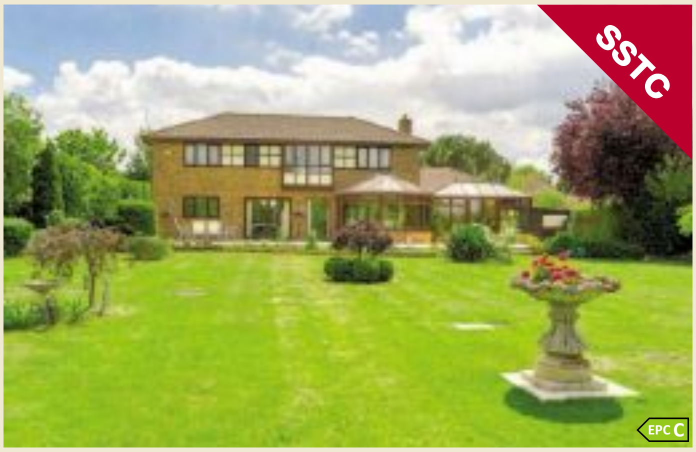

Loughton

- Five Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Bathroom & En-Suite
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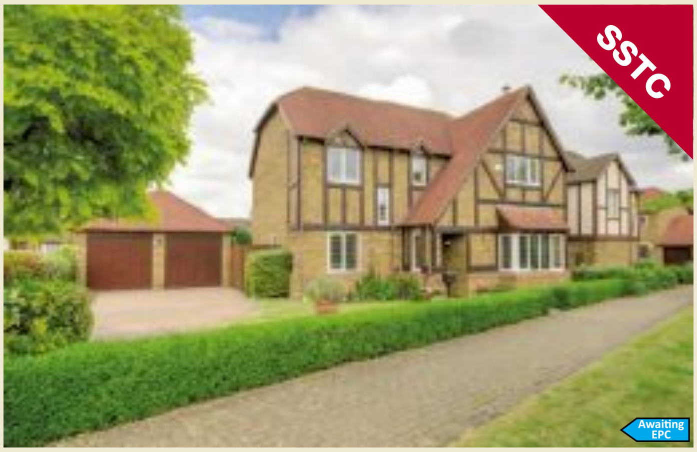

Furzton

- Detached Family Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking
- Double Garage

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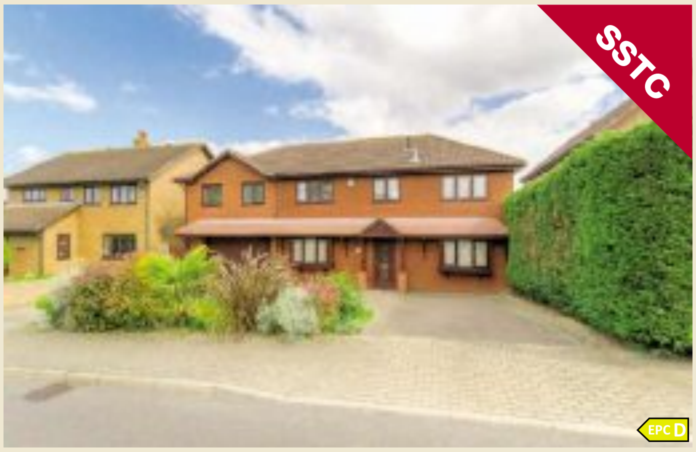

Emerson Valley

- Five Bedrooms
- Four Reception Rooms
- Bathroom, WC & Two En-Suites
- Study & Utility Room
- Garden, Garage & Off Road Parking

Deceptively spacious five double bedroom property in the popular area of Emerson Valley. The property benefits from a rear extension covering the entire back of the house giving extra reception rooms and great versatility.

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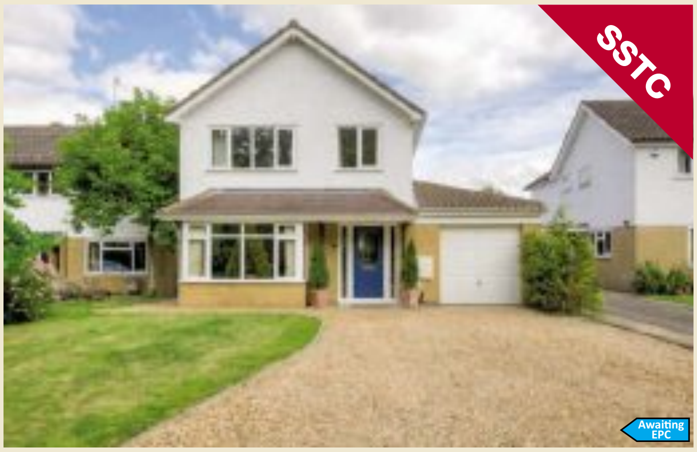

Great Linford Village

- Great Linford Village
- Four Bedroom Detached
- Private Crescent Secluded Behind Copse
- Large Private Rear Garden
- Very Well Presented

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- Separate Reception Rooms
- En-Suite To Master Bedroom

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- Off-Road Parking
- Garage & Gardens

Ashland **£290,000**

- Mid Terraced Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
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Springfield **£280,000**

- Detached Property
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- Good Size Rear Garden

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- No Chain

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Springfield **OIEO £200,000**

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Coffee Hall **£195,000**

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- Spacious Accommodation
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner

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Willen Park **£300,000**
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Wavendon Gate **£280,000**
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- Two Bathrooms
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- Two Bathrooms
- Garden, Garage & Off Road Parking

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Neath Hill **£260,000**
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- Three Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Garden & Off Road Parking

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- Garden & Garage

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Pennyland **£230,000**
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- Three Bedrooms
- Garden & Off Road Parking
- Viewing is Recommended

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Bradwell Common **£225,000**
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Garden & Off Road Parking
- Viewing is Recommended

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Bradwell **£220,000**
- End Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Garden & Off Road Parking

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Shenley Lodge **£199,950**
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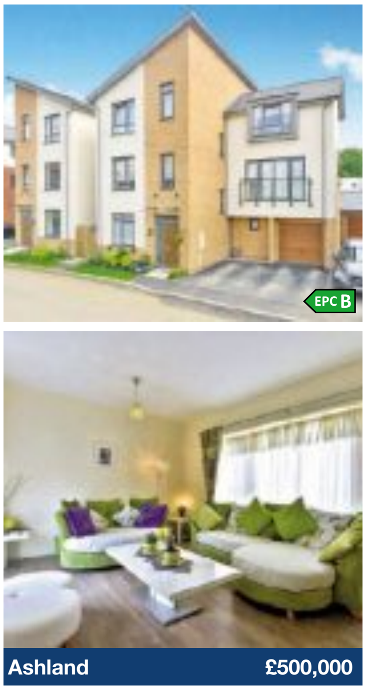

Ashland **£500,000**

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New Bradwell **£450,000**

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Ashland **£320,000**

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Oakhill **£289,995**

A four bedroom detached property featuring lounge, bathroom, en-suite, garage, off road parking and an enclosed paved rear garden.

New Bradwell **£135,000**

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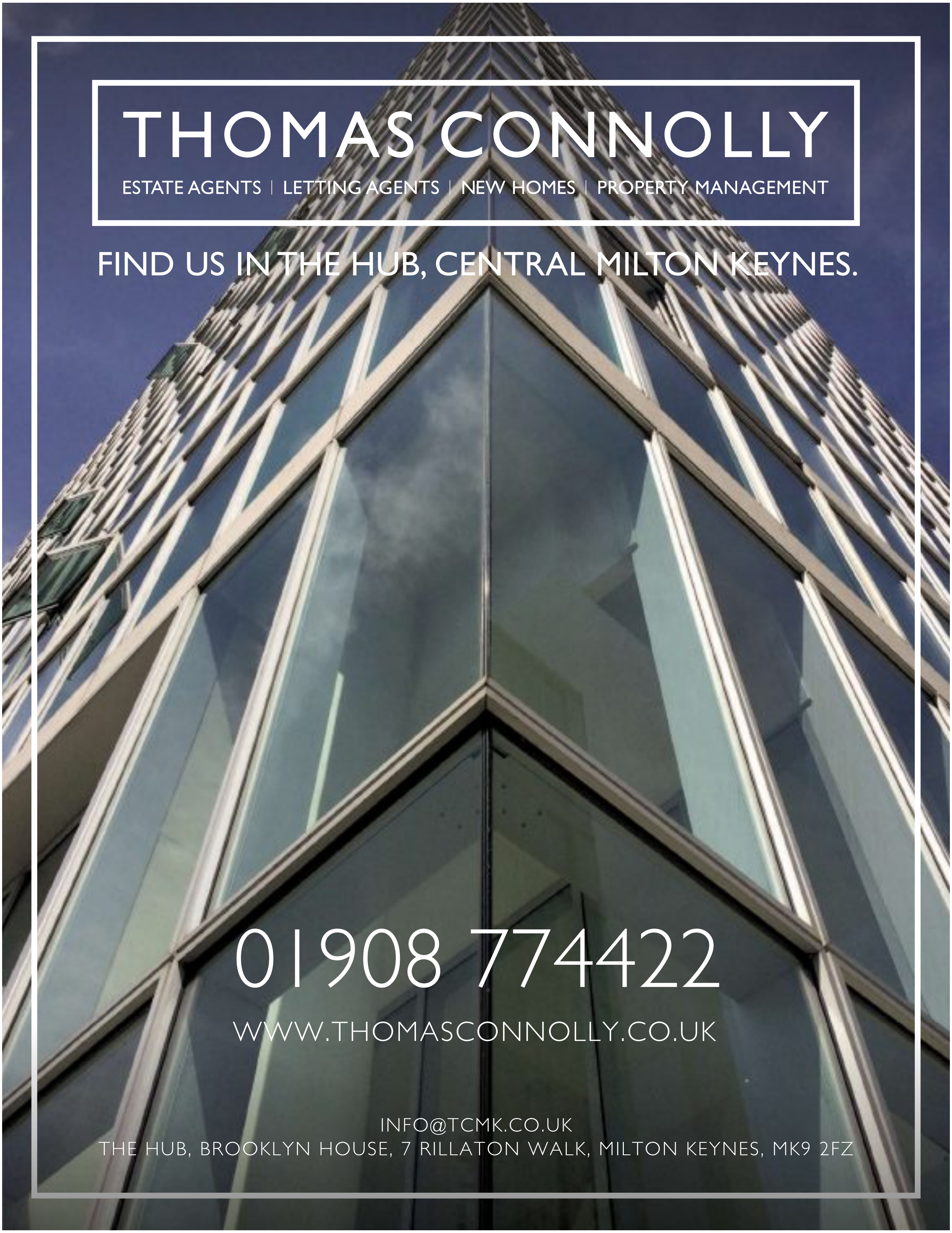

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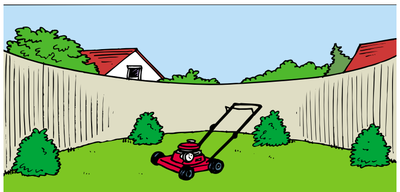

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (CROWNHILL ROUNDABOUT (PART), WATLING STREET) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 8th September 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of Crownhill Roundabout, Watling Street (the southeast side of the roundabout) from the south-east carriageway of the V4 Watling Street to the junction northeast of Watling Street in order to conduct a pole swap on a telecommunications mast. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect on 11th September 2015.

Whilst the above length of road is closed, the alternative route will be via Watling Street, Portway, Medbourne Roundabout, Fulmer Street and Dansteed Way.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 11th September 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed road closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (FOOTPATH LINKING ALEXANDRA DRIVE TO TONGWELL LANE, NEWPORT PAGNELL) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit pedestrians and vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of the footpath for Alexandra Drive, Newport Pagnell from its junction with Alexandra Drive to its junction with Tongwell Lane in order install a new HV utility. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from 28th September 2015 until 5th October 2015.

Whilst the above length of footpath is closed, the alternative route will be via Tongwell Lane and Tabard Gardens (westerly direction) or via Tongwell Lane and Ranelagh Gardens (easterly direction).

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 28th September 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed road closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (TOLCARNE AVENUE, FISHERMEAD) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 8th September 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following length of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

9th September 2015

- **Tolcarne Avenue, Fishermead** – (Eastbound carriageway) Between Kellan Drive and Helford Place.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Kellan Drive, Fishermead Boulevard and Helford Place.

  Controlled access to properties along Tolcarne Avenue will be maintained at all times.

The above closures will be implemented between the hours of 07.30am and 19.30pm or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 9th September 2015 and will expire on 9th December 2015 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for controlled access to residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected road.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (ROADS OR PARTS OF ROADS WITHIN HEELANDS AND BLETCHLEY, MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 9th September 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

15th September 2015

- **Arncliffe Drive, Heelands –** Between the junction of East Dales and Gisburn Close.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via East Dales, Langcliffe Drive and Arncliffe Drive (and vice versa).

  Controlled access to properties along Arncliffe Drive will be maintained at all times.

- **17th September 2015**

  Cawkwell Way, Bletchley – From its junction with Cambridge Street to and including its junction with Oxford Street. Oxford Street to be accessible from Albert Street and exit only onto Oxford Street. Controlled access will be maintained at all times

23rd September 2015

- **Fern Grove, Bletchley –** Along its entire length.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Drayton Road.

  Controlled access to properties along Fern Grove will be maintained at all times.

27th September 2015

- **Birchfield Grove, Bletchley –** From its junction with Brooklands Road to its junction with Ashfield Grove.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Brooklands Road, Findley Way and Westfirld Road (and vice versa).

  Controlled access to properties along Birchfield Grove will be maintained at all times.

- **Westfield Road, Bletchley –** From its junction with Birchfield Grove to its junction with Ashfield Grove. Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Birchfield Grove, Brooklands Road and Westfield Road (and vice versa).

The above closures will be implemented between the hours of 07.30am and 19.30pm or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 15th September 2015 and will expire on 15th December 2015 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for controlled access to residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected road.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (ROADS OR PARTS OF ROADS WITHIN WOLVERTON AND CROWN HILL) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

24th September 2015

- **Hendrix Drive, Crownhill –** From its junction with H5 Portway to its junction with Cruickshank Grove

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via H5 Portway, V3 Fulmer Street, Monro Avenue and Hendrix Drive (and vice versa).

- **Bedford Street, Wolverton**

  Controlled access to properties along Bedford Street will be maintained at all times

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Green Lane, Radcliffe Street and Aylesbury Street (and vice versa)

- **The rear access road between Bedford Street and Radcliffe Street, Wolverton**

  Controlled access to properties along the rear access road will be maintained at all times

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Aylesbury Street, Bedford Street and Green Lane (and vice versa).

- **The rear access road between Bedford Street and Radcliffe Street, Wolverton**

  Controlled access to properties along the rear access road will be maintained at all times

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Aylesbury Street, Cambridge Street and Western Road (and vice versa)

- **The rear access road of Western Road, Wolverton**

  Controlled access to properties along the rear access road will be maintained at all times

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Eton Crescent and Western Road (and vice versa)

25th September 2015

- **The rear access road between Aylesbury and Buckingham Street**

  Controlled access to properties along the rear access road will be maintained at all times

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Aylesbury Street and Buckingham Street (and vice versa).

- **The rear access road of Cambridge Street , Wolverton –** Between Buckingham Street and Aylesbury Street

  Controlled access to properties along the rear access road will be maintained at all times

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Aylesbury Street, Cambridge Street and Buckingham Street (and vice versa)

- **Peel Road, Wolverton**

  Controlled access to properties along Peel Road will be maintained at all times

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Aylesbury Street, Windsor Street and Western Road (and vice versa).

- **Jersey Road, Wolverton**

  Controlled access to properties along jersey Road will be maintained at all times

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Stratford Road, Anson Road and Church Street (and vice versa).

The above closures will be implemented between the hours of 07.30am and 19.30pm or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 17th September 2015 and will expire on 17th December 2015 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for controlled access to residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

Please visit the Councils bus travel web page for all updates on disruptions to local bus services: http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/streets-transport-and-parking/bus-travel/bus-service-disruptions-and-diversions

The temporary closures will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected road.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (REDWAY (PART), CAMPBELL PARK) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 8th September 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any access to or along the following length of redway to facilitate the Rugby World Cup Fanzone situated on the west side of Campbell Park:-

- Redway, Campbell Park – The redway opposite Midsummer Boulevard, from its junction with the redway that runs parallel to V8 Marlborough Street (north-west side) for a distance of 180 metres in a north-easterly direction.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable a safe and successful Fanzone for the Rugby World Cup. The temporary Order will come into effect on 13th September 2015 and will expire on 14th October 2015.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

Any affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected road.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

9 September 2015

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SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/01775/FUL	Replacement windows to front elevation at 87 Anson Road, Wolverton
15/01855/FUL	Change of use from residential dwelling (use class C3) to house in multiple occupancy (use class C4) with 3 lettable rooms at 38 Cambridge Street, Wolverton
15/01905/ADV	Advertisement consent to display 1x non-illuminated free standing totem sign at Block C, Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley
15/01915/FUL	Change of use from retail (Use class A1) to residential (Use class C3) for a two bedroom flat, including changes to window locations and new sash windows at 47 Oxford Street, Wolverton
15/01937/FUL	Change of use from office (use class B1) to residential (use class C3) at 76 High Street, Newport Pagnell
15/01939/LBC	Listed building consent for change of use from office (use class B1) to residential (use class C3) at 76 High Street, Newport Pagnell
15/02061/FUL	Erection of a hexagonal traditional oak framed timber summerhouse (Retrospective) at Home Farm Barns, 10 Spring Lane, Clifton Reynes
15/02071/TCA	Notification of intention to remove wispy branches to two Willow Fronds at Bluebell Cottage, Bay Lane, Ravenstone
15/02087/TCA	Notification on intention to fell one Box elder tree at 9 St Pauls Court, Stony Stratford
15/02091/ADV	Advertisement consent for 2 illuminated fascia signs at 91 High Street, Newport Pagnell
15/02113/FUL	Redevelopment of former petrol filling station site to provide five dwellings (resubmission of 15/01148/FUL) at Little Brickhill Service Station, Watling Street, Little Brickhill
15/02117/TCA	Notification of intention to reduce in height by 2m and crown thin by 20% one Magnolia Grandiflora tree at Forge Cottage, 20 Gold Street, Hanslope
15/02129/FUL	Conversion of existing detached garage to form annexe with increase in ridge height and insertion of dormer windows at 1 Newport Road, Hanslope
15/02137/FUL	Replacement windows to front elevation at 126 Church Street Wolverton
15/02149/TCA	Notification of intention to fell 1 Cypress tree (T1) and 31 Conifer trees (T2) at Burnside, Common Street, Ravenstone
15/02151/TCA	Notification of intention to crown lift to remove low lying branches to x4 Horse Chestnut trees (T1, T2, T3 and T4); crown reduce by up to 50% and trim back sides to reduce overhang to footpath of x2 Irish Yew trees (T5 and T6) at St Peter And St Paul's Church, Church Street, Olney
15/02154/FUL	To demolish part of a single storey rear extension and replace with an Orangery at 2 Lovat Street, Newport Pagnell
15/02195/TCA	Notification of intention to reduce height of one Cherry tree at 4 Harpers Lane, Great Linford
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/02031/FUL	Two storey and single storey extensions (29 additional bedrooms) to accommodation block and restaurant with associated external landscaping and car parking alterations at Mercure Parkside Hotel, Newport Road, Woughton On The Green
15/02032/LBC	Listed building consent for two storey and single storey extensions to accommodation block and restaurant with associated external landscaping and car parking alterations at Mercure Parkside Hotel, Newport Road, Woughton On The Green
15/02076/LBC	Listed Building Consent for minor alteration to internal layout of barn and outbuildings at 131 High Street, Stony Stratford
15/02089/LBC	Listed building consent for installation of new glass entrance doors in front of the existing church doors at the main entrance at United Reformed Church, High Street, Newport Pagnell
15/02092/ADV	Advertisement consent to display 1 fascia sign and 1 projecting sign as replacement for existing signage at 82 High Street, Stony Stratford
15/02093/LBC	Listed building consent to display 1 fascia sign and 1 projecting sign as replacement for existing signage at 82 High Street, Stony Stratford
15/02122/LBC	Listed building consent for replacement of existing front door with flood resistant door at 19 Lower Weald, Calverton
15/02124/LBC	Listed building consent for replacement of existing front door with flood resistant door at 18 Lower Weald, Calverton
SECTION 67 & 73	**AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/02004/FUL	Variation of condition 13 (preservation in situ of archaeological remains) attached to planning permission 14/01068/FUL at The Kickles, Lakes Lane, Newport Pagnell
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
15/01975/LBC	Listed building consent for re-pointing to the main house, replacement of existing cement plinth and lowering of ground levels around house at 2 Bridge Street, Olney
15/02027/FUL	Refurbish the entrances to Sunset Walk (North and South) and Acorn Walk (North and South) including replacement signage; pendant lights and sculptural elements to Sunset Walk entrances; replacement flooring across Sunset Walk; replacement internal columns; replacement internal and external spandrel glazing panels; replacement barrier matting; new seating areas and new ceiling lights at Site Linking Sunset Walk, Silbury And Midsummer Arcade And Acorn Walk, Central Milton Keynes
15/02028/LBC	Listed building consent to refurbish the entrances to Sunset Walk (North and South) and Acorn Walk (North and South) including replacement signage; pendant lights and sculptural elements to Sunset Walk entrances; replacement flooring across Sunset Walk; replacement internal columns; replacement internal and external spandrel glazing panels; replacement barrier matting; new seating areas and new ceiling lights at Site Linking Sunset Walk, Silbury And Midsummer Arcade And Acorn Walk at Central Milton Keynes
15/02128/LBC	Listed building consent for 6 internally illuminated fascia signs and 4 non-illuminated fascia signs at 2 Sunset Walk, Central Milton Keynes
15/02135/FUL	Conversion of existing stable wing at The Coach House, Lavendon Grange, Lavendon
15/02136/LBC	Listed building consent to convert a wing of the stables at The Coach House, Lavendon Grange, Lavendon
SECTION 67	**AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING**
15/01871/LBC	Listed building consent for the provision of gas supply pipes and gantry at 21 To 25 Eagle Walk, Central Milton Keynes

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15/02108/FUL	Change of use from office (use class B1) to Apart-Hotel (use class C1) with 52 apartments, creation of fourth floor and amendments to previously approved application 14/01217/FUL to include revisions to third floor, roof and additional windows to north-west and north-east elevations (resubmission of 14/01217/FUL) at Platinum House, 199 North Second Street, Central Milton Keynes

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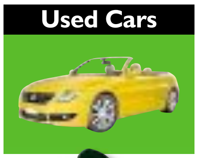

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Introducing The All-New Volkswagen Touran

The all-new Volkswagen Touran has been awarded a five-star rating by independent safety organisation Euro NCAP – with an overall score that marks it out as one of the safest and most protective family cars in the industry.

Set to arrive in the UK in December, the new Touran excelled in the latest round of Euro NCAP tests, thanks to its a first-class safety package that includes an optimised body structure, highly effective belt, seat and airbag combination and innovative driver assistance systems. The Touran performed strongly in all four key areas: occupant protection for adults and children, pedestrian protection and safety assistance, and highlighted Volkswagen's commitment to occupant and pedestrian safety.

Euro NCAP has been regarded as one of the most important benchmarks for vehicle safety in Europe since 1997. The new Touran was put through the organisation's newest and most rigorous test programme, and recorded an 88 per cent rating for adult safety. The tests carried out included 'Frontal impact into a deformable barrier at 40mph with 40 per cent overlap' and 'Frontal impact at 30mph into a rigid barrier with 100 per cent overlap'. Other tests were 'Impact from the side at 30mph into the vehicle side structure' and 'Side impact against a pole at 20mph.'

The new family MPV also recorded excellent results in the important child protection sub-section. Thanks to ISOFIX and top tether child seat anchors being fitted as standard, the new Touran achieved over 89 per cent of the available points. In the pedestrian protection category, the Touran was given a total score of 71 per cent with recognition of the Touran's numerous engineering features designed to reduce the risk of injury to passers-by.

The new Touran is available to order now with prices starting from £22,240. Based on Volkswagen's MQB platform, the new model offers more space, greater practicality and lower running costs than the previous model. Safety equipment includes airbags for driver and front-seat passenger (with front-seat passenger airbag deactivation and including knee airbag on the driver's side) and a head airbag system for front and rear-seat passengers, including side airbags. The new Touran also has systems such as Electronic Stability Control (ESC), including ABS with Brake Assist, Automatic Post-Collision Braking, a Tyre Pressure Monitoring System and Driver Alert on board as standard.

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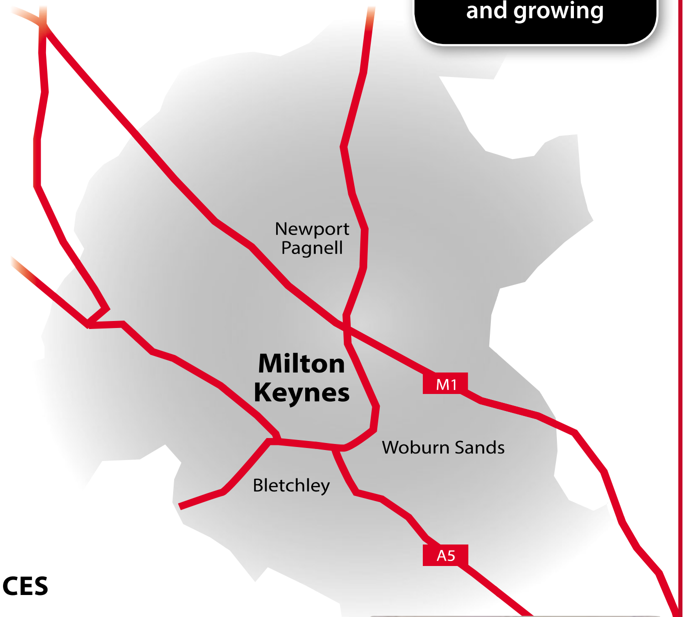

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Mazda CX-3

CX AND THE CITY

Mazda pulls out all the stops and condenses all the best bits of the gorgeous CX-5 into a smaller package. The CX-3 comes in front or all-wheel drive, and is offered with petrol or diesel power. It's light and it's good looking, with a chunky equipment list and reasonable pricing. What more could you ask for?

Like most crossovers in this class, the CX-3 is offered with a choice of front or all-wheel drive chassis, and petrol and diesel engines. The petrol engines comprise 120 or 150PS 2.0-litre units which together will account for around 50 per cent of UK sales. Available in all trims, with both manual and automatic transmissions, the 120PS powerplant with front-wheel drive is sure to be the most popular petrol variant. The 150PS petrol unit is mated to an all-wheel drive chassis and a six-speed manual gearbox in Sport Nav trim. The 105PS 1.5-litre diesel engine will power predominantly front-wheel drive models, although the range-topping Sport Nav is all-wheel drive and is also offered with both manual and automatic transmissions. Mazda's SKYACTIV design ethos strips unnecessary weight out of the engines, body, chassis and transmissions and while this sometimes means that road noise is a little higher than some rivals, huge paybacks come in sharper handling, stronger braking, keener acceleration and better efficiency.

Materials quality will be better than you'll expect if you haven't parked your posterior in a Mazda for a few years and the cabin is more spacious than any car this short (and with such a long bonnet) has any right to be. In fact, we ended up wondering how its rivals were getting beaten time and again on various interior space metrics by the CX-3. But they were. There's a flexible cargo board boot floor, which can be lifted to provide a flat load space when the standard 60:40 split fold rear seats are tumbled. The reason why rear seat space is so generous becomes apparent when looking into the CX-3's fifth door. The 350-litre boot isn't anywhere approaching class-leading. For the sake of comparison, a Nissan Juke offers 354-litres, a Vauxhall Mokka 362-litres and a Renault Capture 377-litres.

Buying a supermini-based crossover usually boils down to one key question. "Will I look a prize plum behind the wheel of it?" All too often the answer is yes, and buyers instead choose a more anonymous supermini alternative that doesn't draw attention to itself. The Mazda CX-3 has enough about it that it never looks self-conscious or try-hard. The styling works, the brand is solid and sensible with all the right engineering credibility and the product itself is unexpectedly delightful.

Unexpected, that is, if you'd never tried the CX-5. Mazda really just needed to deliver more of the same in a smaller package in order to succeed and that's exactly what they've done. Yes, it has a broad range of rivals, but how many of them are going to pass the plum test? Think on that one for a while.

FACTS AT A GLANCE

CAR: Mazda CX-3 range
PRICES: £17,595 - £24,695
INSURANCE GROUP: 13-17
CO2 EMISSIONS: 105-150g/km
PERFORMANCE:
[105PS diesel] 0-62mph 10.1s Top Speed 110mph

FUEL CONSUMPTION: [105ps diesel] 70.6 mpg (combined)
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The New smart fortwo Cabrio

The countdown has started for the new fortwo cabrio, a particularly iconic variant of the new model series. The open-top two-seater will have its world premiere in September at the International Motor Show in Frankfurt. The new smart cabrio will be available for ordering from mid-November and the first models will reach dealers in February 2016. Three cars in one: at the touch of a button the new smart cabrio is transformed from a closed two-seater into a car with a large sliding canvas sunroof, or a fully fledged cabriolet with the soft top completely open. This enables the fresh air driving experience to be adapted to the weather or the driver's mood. This flexibility offered by the "tritop" folding soft top and the removable roof bars is a special feature – and not just in this segment. At the same time, the new smart cabrio is the only true cabriolet in its vehicle class

Exclusive Update For Golf Cabriolet

The Golf Cabriolet is one of the most successful open-top cars on the German market and one of the most popular of its kind in Europe. The Golf Cabriolet for model year 2016 has sportier exterior, new colours and an upgraded interior. Volkswagen is presenting a visually extensive update of the four-seater soft-top best seller at the Frankfurt International Motor Show (IAA). The changes are easy to identify by the considerably sportier front bumper, the striking side sills and sporty accents on the rear bumper. Moreover, the convertible can now be configured even more individually. Besides six new exterior colours, there is an additional soft-top colour and six new wheel designs. In the interior, there is a new generation of steering wheels and new trim elements as well as new designs for the cloth and leather seats. The range of engines in the Golf Cabriolet has also switched to the Euro 6 emissions standard. The four petrol (TSI) and two diesel engines (TDI) in total are direct-injection turbo engines with powerful torques to match. Also new on board are the Composition Colour and Composition Media radio/ infotainment systems.

Five Stars For New Audi Q7

The European Euro NCAP consortium has awarded the new Audi Q7 with the maximum five stars for safety. The results for adult protection in frontal and side impact collisions, pedestrian protection and child safety put the current Audi Q7 among the safest cars in its category. The results for the rear passengers in a frontal impact collision show that not only are the driver and front passenger in the Audi Q7 very well protected, the rear passengers are, too. The model received the "Euro NCAP Advanced" award for the multicollision brake assist system, one aspect of the standard Audi pre sense city, and the optionally available Audi pre sense basic, which in emergency situations tensions the seatbelt before a collision and closes the windows and sunroof. The multicollision brake assist system initiates braking automatically in case of an accident to reduce the risk of skidding and the danger of further collisions.

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All-New Mazda MX-5 Passes A Thousand Sales

Mazda's iconic roadster is once again proving its popularity with British sports car drivers. Ahead of its official on-sale date of the 29th August, advanced orders of the all-new Mazda MX-5 have passed the one thousand mark, with UK buyers spending more than £20 million as they rush to get hold of the fourth-generation of the world's best-selling two-seater sports car. With prices starting from £18,495 (OTR), the all-new Mazda MX-5 is set to reaffirm Mazda's dominance of the affordable sports car sector. Maintaining the driver-focused ethos it's famed for, the latest MX-5 was conceived and developed under the concept of "innovate in order to preserve." This engineering philosophy has allowed Mazda to maintain the agility, fun and engagement that has always defined the MX-5 while at the same time meeting ever-increasing safety and efficiency requirements, alongside improved refinement.

New SEAT Ibiza Cupra

The new Ibiza CUPRA shows the essence of the SEAT brand in its purest form – emotional design, outstanding performance and state-of-the-art technology unite to form one of the most dynamic cars in its class. With its compact dimensions and excellent functionality, the Ibiza CUPRA is the perfect hot hatch for everyday use. The performance generated by the 1.8-litre TSI engine is impressive – acceleration from 0-100 km/h in just 6.7 seconds, a top speed of 235 km/h – paired with exceptional efficiency. The new interior creates an extraordinary feeling of quality, while SEAT Full Link, the SEAT DriveApp and the SEAT ConnectApp enable optimum connectivity.

In one area, however, there was very little room for improvement – the Ibiza's emotional and dynamic design is incredibly well received by customers and is cited as the main reason for purchasing the Spanish model.

New DS4 And DS4 Crossback

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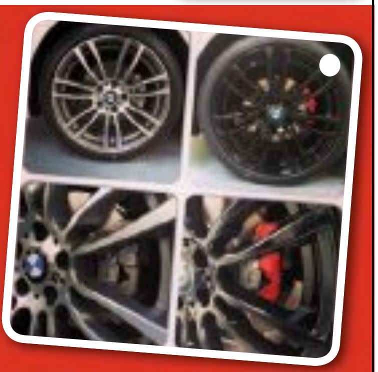

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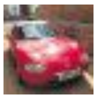

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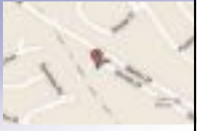

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It was a quiet weekend for Marshall Milton Keynes Athletics Club. Hammer throwers Kayleigh Presswell and Laeken Impey managed to fit in two competitions on the same day in Kent and Surrey. At Tonbridge Presswell threw 47.66m and Impey managed 47.49m and then later at Crawley Kayleigh improved to 52.22m with Laeken throwing 46.53m. On the track Chris Clarke ran 20.69 over 200m at Lee Valley, a week earlier having set a season's best of 20.54 at Coventry. Liam Smith ran the fastest 10,000m track time for five years at Stretford, Manchester when winning the BMC "B" race. His time of 31.47.74 moves him to no 6 in the club all-time rankings. Ebony Carr and Jamil Hassan competed in the UK Schools Games at Manchester and saw Ebony win another bronze medal recording 12.49 in the Inter Girls 100m.

On the roads, Geoff New was placed 74th with a time of 95.08 in the Wolverhampton Half-Marathon where 640 finished.

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NEWPORT Pagnell Town lost 2-0 after extra time to AFC Kempston Rovers in the FA Vase while New Bradwell St Peter beat Rushden and Higham United 2-0. In the United Counties League Division One, Olney Town drew 1-1 at Stewarts and Lloyds Corby. In Division Two of the Spartan South Midlands League, Old Bradwell United beat Aston Clinton 1-0 while Wolverton Town drew 2-2 at St Albans City Reserves. Stony Stratford Town won 2-0 at AFC Hillgate and Clean Slate lost 7-2 against Kent Athletic.

In the Milton Keynes Sunday Football League, Garage MK beat Boosters 7-0, MK City defeated Buckingham United A 8-4 and Scot lost 2-1 to North Western United. Wolverton Town beat Stoke Hammond 5-4 and Stony Stratford Town won 2-1 against AFC Santander.

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IT IS the start of the season this weekend and in Midlands Two East (South), Olney's first game will be at Lutterworth. In Southern Counties North, Bletchley entertain Stow-on-the-Wold while in Berks/Bucks and Oxon Premier Division, Milton Keynes are away at Crowthorne.

Bletchley lost to Buckingham 27-16 in the Buckinghamshire County Cup on Saturday.

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The pair have met twice in the past year with All England champion Chen holding a 6-0 head-to-head record against Ouseph. Chris and Gabby Adcock will play Shin Baek Choel and Yoo Jung Chae of Korea.

Marcus Ellis and Chris Langridge, the world quarter-finalists, will meet China's fifth seeds Fu Haifeng and Zhang Nan while Andy Ellis and Peter Mills will take on Danes Soren Gravholt and Nikolaj Overgaard.

Sophie Brown and Kate Robertshaw and Heather Olver and Lauren Smith won byes to the second round.

SWIMMING

LISA Salmon has been appointed head coach of the Newport Pagnell Swimming Club as Carl Harris has left following five years there.

ICE HOCKEY

Back on the ice: Rene Jarolin in action for Lightning in their tie against Peterborough Phantoms

It's n-ice to be back!

BY SCOTT KIRK

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THE English Premier Ice Hockey League kicks off this weekend as MK Lightning welcome Bracknell Bees at MK Arena for a 7pm faceoff.

With both teams having played a handful of preseason games, fans have seen a glimpse of what is to come for their respective sides.

Last weekend the Lightning took on the Peterborough Phantoms in the Ashes pre-season series.

The home leg on Saturday night saw both sides battle it out with it all ending level at 4-4.

Lightning's goals came from Leigh Jamieson, man of the match Lewis Hook and two new faces Rene Jarolin and Marko Luomala, and the team put on an entertaining show in front of the home crowd, showing a taste of what fans can look forward to.

The following day Phantoms won 5-3 to take the Ashes series 9-7, with Craig Scott, son of former Milton Keynes Kings legend Paddy, scoring four of the goals overall, including a hat-trick on home turf on the Sunday.

Three days earlier Lightning were narrowly edged out 5-4 in a challenge game at Basingstoke Bison when Hook bagged a hat-trick.

This year's Bracknell Bees side has made some key changes to its roster since April.

Last year saw the Bees finish bottom in the league thus missing out on a place in the Play Off quarter finals.

Lightning head coach and GB chief Russell says he does not expect results pre-season to define the team's campaign and has already told his team to put last season's seventh-place finish behind them, as they play for silverware in the 2015-16 season.

It was announced that Red Hockey, the owners of last season's champions Telford Tigers, bought a 49 per cent stake of the Bees, as well as 34 per cent of Manchester Phoenix too.

With these changes behind the scenes also came the changes on the ice, with one face in particular that Lightning fans will keep an eye out for – former Lightning import forward, Milan Kostourek.

Both the Lightning and the Bees will be wanting to make a positive start to their 2015/16 league campaign, so this is a game not to miss.

A trip to Phoenix follows for Lightning on the Sunday.

Lightning take on Basingstoke Bison in their final pre-season warm-up tonight before the real action begins at the weekend.

CRICKET

Stony on course for mid-table

STONY Stratford completed a successful run chase as they beat Oundle Town at Ostlers Lane in the Northamptonshire Cricket League.

Stony look very snug in mid-table now after going on a good run of form of late and the performances of Wesley Fernando have been key to this success.

He bagged 65 runs as part of the chase but he was out-scored in this contest by Nick Allen, who hit 10 fours on his way to 70 to give Stony victory.

It was a brilliant fifth-wicket partnership of 139 from Fernando and Allen after Bashrat Hussain had claimed the first four wickets of the innings to leave Stony 58-4 at one stage but the home team went on to win the match by four wickets.

In the first innings, Alex Strong took four wickets as Oundle Town finished on 209-7. He also managed eight maidens during his 17 overs and lost just 40 runs on his bowling.

Great Brickhill beat Tiddington by seven wickets to give themselves a good ending to the season in the Cherwell Cricket League.

They came home second after the victory which saw Lawrence Armstrong claim figures of 3-22 and George Humphries was 3-53 as Tiddington scored 150-9 in the first innings.

Mark Nelson struck 79 in reply while Douglas Aris was unbeaten on 48 as Great Brickhill won the game in the 29th over with seven wickets to spare.

Wolverton Town completed the season bottom of the pile after they lost by five wickets to Twyford.

Jude Ramanadanpulle scored 34 for Town as they were bowled out for 111.

In reply, Wasim Fayyaz picked up three of the five wickets Twyford lost but they were able to reach their target after 25 overs.

Great Brickhill Seconds took the Division Four title after beating Tiddington Seconds by 150 runs.

Bletchley Town finished the season in seventh having lost their final match of the season against Witney Mills by three wickets.

DONS COLUMN

MK DONS' kit man Tony Hawkins brings his Tales of the Kit Room exclusively to MK NEWS

A FEW times I've been asked what it's like to 'do' an away game.

Again, it's not just about shirts, shorts and boots, we have to transport an incredible amount for away fixtures.

I keep a comprehensive checklist of every single item we need to take and this will be checked before we pack it on our van. Everything from water bottles, cones, bibs and footballs to the little things like whiteboard pens, envelopes, an extension lead and the captain's armband all need to travel with us.

As well as the kit, we will often transport medical gear and there is a lot of it. Two enormous cases have to go as well as defibrillators, fracture boards, crutches and Simon and Adam's run-on bags. On top of that we have Tom Bromley's supplement collection. These are used prior to and during the game to aid hydration and provide energy boosts for the players. And the staff occasionally!

We also have to remember all of the individual kit requirements. If, for instance, we haven't got the right under shorts for a player it could be an unwanted distraction for them. As I've always said, if the players don't say a word to me that means that I'm doing something right!

And of course, I am always being asked, "Have you ever forgotten anything?" I always smile and say "I can't afford to because when you're at Carlisle on a Tuesday night you can't nip back to the stadium to get it".

Yes, I did that two seasons ago.

Worst of all, it was an important pair of boots. We lost as well and I rightly got the blame. That was an uncomfortable five hour journey home I can tell you...

FIXTURES

SEP 12 MIDDLESBROUGH (A)
SEP 15 BURNLEY (A)
SEP 19 LEEDS UNITED (H)
SEP 23 SOTON (H) (C1 R3)
SEP 26 DERBY COUNTY (H)

CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Brighton	5	2	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	6	4	4	13
2	Hull	5	3	0	0	6	1	0	1	1	2	3	4	10
3	Ipswich	5	2	0	1	6	4	1	1	0	4	3	3	10
4	QPR	5	1	1	0	6	4	2	0	1	4	4	2	10
5	Cardiff	5	1	1	0	3	1	1	2	0	5	4	3	9
6	Middlesbro'	5	1	0	1	3	1	1	2	0	4	2	4	8
7	Birmingham	4	1	1	0	3	2	1	1	0	4	2	3	8
8	Charlton	5	2	0	0	4	1	0	2	1	2	3	2	8
9	Burnley	5	1	1	0	3	2	1	1	1	3	4	0	8
10	Leeds	5	0	2	0	2	2	1	2	0	4	3	1	7
11	DONS	5	1	0	2	1	3	1	1	0	4	1	1	7
12	Wolves	5	1	1	1	5	5	1	0	1	2	3	-1	7
13	Reading	5	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	5	4	1	6
14	Fulham	5	0	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	5	4	0	5
15	Sheff Wed	5	1	1	1	4	4	0	1	1	2	3	-1	5
16	Notts Forest	5	1	1	1	3	3	0	1	1	1	2	-1	5
17	Preston	5	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	-2	5
18	Brentford	4	0	1	1	3	5	1	0	1	4	3	-1	4
19	Derby	5	0	2	1	3	4	0	2	0	1	1	-1	4
20	Bristol City	5	0	1	2	5	8	1	0	1	1	2	-4	4
21	Blackburn	5	0	2	1	2	3	0	1	1	1	2	-2	3
22	Huddersfield	5	0	2	1	2	3	0	1	1	1	3	-3	3
23	Bolton	5	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	4	-4	3
24	Rotherham	5	0	1	2	2	7	0	0	2	3	6	-8	1

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Robbo admits frustration over lack of third striker

BY SCOTT KIRK

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DONS manager Karl Robinson has admitted his frustration at not being able to bring another striker into the club.

Nicky Maynard and Tommy Smith are both training with Dons this week to get fit so they are clearly options for Dons as well as the loan market, which re-opened yesterday, but Robinson said that the past few weeks had been 'difficult' for a variety of reasons, including a couple of high-profile injuries that have come about.

"We've had a bit of a difficult time not getting the striker we wanted on the transfer deadline day and it's been a really difficult three weeks for us," he said.

"Big efforts were made and it's frustrating when I hear people say we need this or we need that because I know what we need.

"We've had one or two injuries which are a big blow to us but we're not going to mention them and we'll keep that under our hats until the weekend.

"We've got to be patient with the team, me as well as everybody else, and we know how hard this month is going to be but we're looking forward to the challenge."

The next five games include tough away matches against Middlesbrough and Burnley within the space of four days before Dons entertain Leeds United, Premier League Southampton and Derby County, but that run of games is exactly why Robinson is enjoying the challenge of management in the championship.

"This will be the best time to be a manager because nothing is expected from those games – if you lost those games, I don't think people would turn around and expect us to win them.

"If we got beaten by one of them in one of the cups, people wouldn't think it would be bad to be knocked out by one of them and that's what we're coming up against every week now.

"Our mentality is really strong and we're really excited by the challenge.

"It's been an amazing start from the players and there are an awful lot of positives for us to take."

And Robinson believes that his current strikers Simon Church and Sam Gallagher just need that bit of confidence before they start firing in the goals.

"It's just that final component to going forward but the players are working extremely hard and we're doing a lot of finishing drills and a lot of shooting and trying to hit targets and make the goalkeeper make saves and they are things we are working on."

"As soon as they get a goal they won't stop and it's confidence because they're certainly talented.

"It's just finding that rhythm and trust me, it'll come."

Meanwhile, Kabongo Tsimanga's loan deal at Corby Town has been extended for another two months.

The 18-year-old striker has scored six goals in five games for the Vanarama National League North outfit, who lie ninth in the table.

Getting there: Karl Robinson says he and his staff are doing their utmost to bring a third striker into the club but he believes that once Sam Gallagher and Simon Church score their first goal, they have the talent to do well at Dons

Red Bulls zoom up the grid for top ten finishes in Monza Grand Prix

DANIEL Ricciardo and Daniil Kvyat salvaged some points from the Italian Grand Prix despite having to start the race from near the back of the grid.

Both drivers were penalised for changing their engines, which meant that they had to start from 18th (Kvyat) and 19th (Ricciardo).

There was a lot of positivity from the Red Bull camp understandably as they moved up the grid, with Ricciardo coming home eighth and Kvyat securing 10th position.

Ricciardo said: "It was a great result for the team considering where we started and the characteristics of this track. It was sweet taking that eighth place on the last lap.

"It wasn't an easy weekend for us, but I think the race was positive and the energy in the team is good."

Kvyat said: "I didn't see much action during the race but it was a positive result to finish in the points, down to good teamwork. We'll have to come back stronger in Singapore, where the track should suit us better."

The World Championship standings show Kvyat in seventh on 58 points and Ricciardo is eighth on 55 points.

The next Grand Prix takes place in Singapore on Sunday, September 20.

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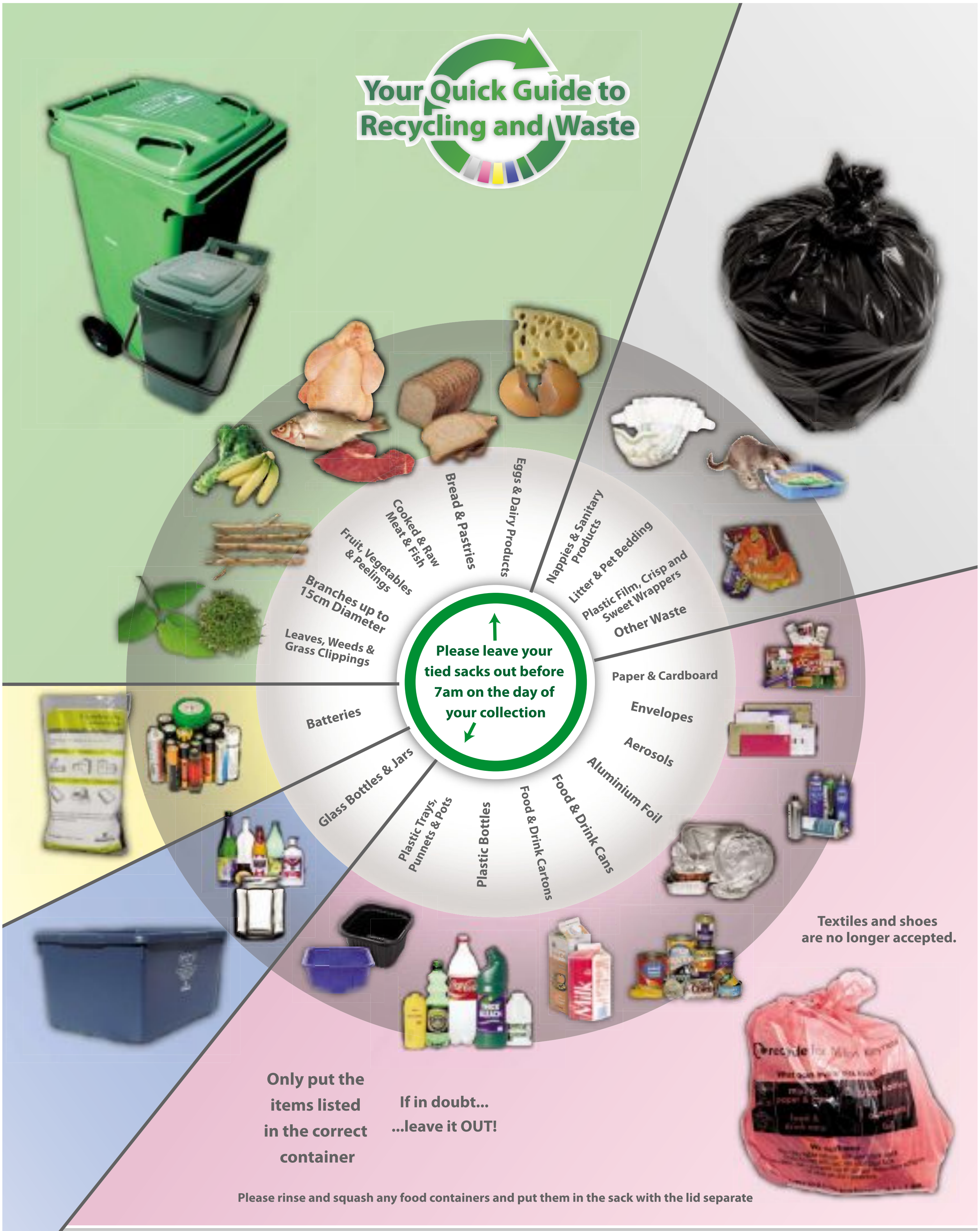

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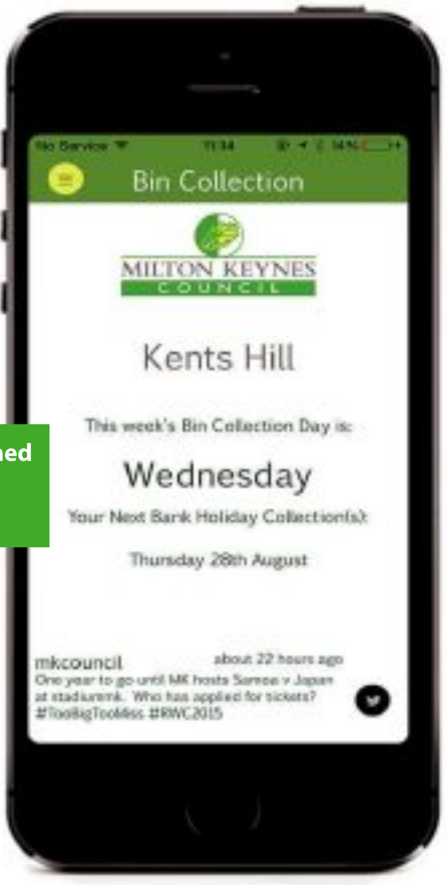

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